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Moor Hall has undergone a multi-million pound renovation since being purchased in 2015.

Aughton restaurant is highest new entry in Good Food Guide chart

A FINE dining restaurant in Aughton is savouring its success after being voted one of the top restaurants in the country and best in Lancashire after only opening five months ago.

Moor Hall, on Prescot Road, is a refurbished Grade II listed gentry house built in the 1500s. It has recently undergone a multi million pound renovation after being taken over by new owners in 2015.

It has now earned the distinction of being the highest new entry into the Good Food Guide's top 50 restaurants.

The independent and prestigious guide, which is compiled by combining reader feedback on restaurants from up and down the country with anonymous inspections by a team of industry experts, places the restaurant at an impressive number 26, making it the highest ranking eating establishment in Lancashire.

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Mark Birchall, chef and business partner at Moor Hall

FARMERS FEAR INCREASE IN RURAL CRIME

Security is stepped up at holdings across the borough

Report by **Kenny Parker**

FARMERS in West Lancashire are living in constant fear of crime, says a local crisp producer, as news emerges of a sharp rise in rural theft in the first half of the year.

Figures from the NFU Mutual's annual Rural Crime Report show that the cost of rural crime has risen significantly in the first half of 2017.

The rise in rural crime is leading to many farmers in the borough stepping up security at their holdings.

Judith Fiddler, of Fiddler's Lancashire Crisps, based in Rufford, said their family farm has been forced to install shutters and CCTV to protect themselves against thieves. Fortunately, Fiddler's has not fallen prey to countryside criminals but she claims neighbouring farms have, and the rise in levels of rural crime are now a constant worry for farmers in West Lancashire.

Rural crime is on the increase in West Lancashire, says new report

Judith said: "We have had to up our security around the farm – we have installed CCTV cameras and have put in new roller shutter doors on the farm buildings to make sure everything is more secure.

"We have neighbouring farmers who have had things stolen from buildings and it is a constant worry."

She added: "We are always hearing of things happening around."

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More train strikes to hit passengers on Northern and Merseyrail services

Report by **Henry James**

MORE rail strikes are set to hit Northern and Merseyrail services next month in the on-going dispute over driver-only-operated trains.

The RMT Union has announced that Northern and Merseyrail staff will walk out over worries that the introduction of the trains would lead to job losses and safety concerns.

Merseyrail passengers will once again have to endure industrial action on September 1, 3 and 4, while Northern employees will walk out on Friday, September 1 and Monday, September 4.

RMT General secretary Mick Cash said: "It is disgraceful that Merseyrail continue to refuse all reasonable attempts by the union to settle this dispute.

"Merseyrail have repeatedly kicked all conciliatory approaches by RMT negotiators back in our faces and made it crystal clear that all that they are interested in is the union signing a surrender document which gives them a free hand to rip apart the safety culture on the railway.

"RMT is calling for genuine talks to take place around a safe and sustainable deal that protects the future safety across Merseyrail services. The company should take up that offer of further talks as a matter of urgency."

The new trains set for services on Merseyside

Mr Cash directed the following to Northern bosses: "The responsibility for the inevitable disruption lies wholly with the company.

"We are angry and frustrated that Northern continue to fail to face up to the facts and also continue to ignore a perfectly reasonable union proposal to invite the DfT to join us in round table talks aimed at finding a solution."

This will be the sixth stroke this year, and follows the last day of industrial action on Sunday, July 24, timed to coincide with the last day of The Open golf championship at Royal Birkdale. Jan Chaudhry-van der Velde, Merseyrail's managing director, slammed the latest strike action, saying: "The RMT say this dispute is about safety. But a recent industry report (RSSB, Risk associated with train dispatch, July 2017) states that: '… there is no additional risk for passengers boarding and alighting DCO (Driver-Controlled Operation) trains, and indeed that trains without a guard actually appear to lower overall dispatch related safety risk to passengers.'"

Alan Chaplin, Northern's managing director, added: "Following our meeting with RMT's General Secretary on August 18 there is no doubt that the trade union calling two days of strikes on Friday 1 and Monday, September 4, timed to coincide with people across the North returning to school, college and work after the holidays, will damage the region's economy, significantly disrupt our customers' lives, and impact local businesses.

"Northern is prepared to guarantee jobs and current pay for all our conductors for the next eight years, until the end of our franchise.

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Top accolade for Aughton restaurant

Report by **Kenny Parker**

Matt Andrews

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The honour is perhaps hardly a surprise given the past achievements and experience of its patron and chef, Chorley-born Mark Birchall: Mark was previously Executive Chef at Michelin awarded L'Enclume, the Cumbrian restaurant that has only just been knocked off the number one spot after five years at the top.

While at L'Enclume Mark won the Roux Scholarship, the premier competition for chefs in the UK in 2011; and he also worked at a three Michelin star restaurant twice voted the world's best - El Celler de Can Roca, Girona.

The chef set off on his stellar career path after being trained at Runshaw College, Leyland. He is now a business partner at Moor Hall with new owners Andy and Tracey Bell.

Moor Hall sources locally produced food and uses ingredients grown on the restaurant's own grounds. The restaurant's website states: "Talented Chef patron, Mark Birchall creates delicate, produce driven menus inspired by our exceptional, natural surroundings."

For those who know their food, hospitality magazine the Caterer was given a preview earlier in the year and said that Birchall's menus will "showcase his own style of modern British cuisine".

Unsurprisingly, such exquisite cuisine doesn't come cheap - the restaurant offers a five course tasting menu costing £65 per person and an eight course tasting menu costing £95 per person, though the menu is limited to the eight courses on Friday and Saturday evenings.

A spokesperson for Moor Hall, said: "We are delighted to be included in the Good Food Guide UK Top 50 for 2018. As a new restaurant opening just five months ago, to enter at number 26 is a big achievement. It actually makes us the number one restaurant in Lancashire!"

Matt has royal aspirations for Kicking Donkey

As one local new restaurant makes its way onto the Good Food Guide's top 50, the owner of another new eating place opening in the area has royal ambitions for his enterprise.

Matt Andrews, 26, the new proprietor of The Kicking Donkey, on Narrow Moss Lane, Scarisbrick, says the ideal model he has in mind for the pub restaurant to emulate is the Inn at Whitewell in the Ribble Valley which, as part of the Duchy of Lancaster Estates, is owned by the Queen.

A self-confessed food and drink fanatic, Matt has moved back to West Lancs to concentrate on his new pub after spending some time in France.

He has also had work experience under such gastronomic luminaries as Heston Blumenthal and Tom Kerridge.

Matt jumped at the chance when he saw The Kicking Donkey was up for grabs. Since taking over the lease on a 15 year term in June with the help of family and friends, the pub has undergone a major refurbishment, though retaining many of its original features. It reopened on Thursday August 17.

"It's just been overwhelming the support I've had from family and friends," said Matt. "It's good to be home in a fantastic local pub.

Matt says that despite being "obsessed with food" he is too sociable to be working in the kitchen. However, he will be drawing on his experience and knowledge to work on the menus and will be stocking his bar with beer from local brewers.

Modest about his work experience, Matt says he has not told his former mentors about his enterprise but does intend to surprise them with his news. "I would love to get a chef swap, to get them down to cook but I haven't asked them about that yet. So we will see what happens," he said.

Witness appeal after man robbed at knifepoint in street

Attacker escaped with thousands in cash, say police

POLICE are appealing for witnesses after a man was robbed at knifepoint in Burscough.

The incident happened on Tuesday (August 15) when, at around 1.10pm the victim, a 56 year old local man, was walking along Mart Lane on his way to deposit takings from his workplace.

A man armed with a large knife emerged from a ginnel leading from the rear of houses on Mart Lane, and demanded the cash. After a brief struggle with the victim, the offender ran off back along the ginnel and got on to a waiting getaway motorcycle with the cash thought to be thousands of pounds.

DC Kelly Anne Rosenthal from Skelmersdale CID said: "We believe this was a targeted attack and need anyone who may have information to speak to us.

"If you saw the incident or indeed you think you might have seen anyone acting suspicious on the day of the robbery or in the days leading up to it, please get in touch."

Anyone with information can call us on 01695 566165 or Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111.

Be a farmer for a day...

A community farm that was nearly destroyed under floods has bounced back and is giving people a chance to be a farmer for a day at an upcoming open day.

Now thanks to the help and support of dedicated members the farm is back on track and will be holding two taster sessions on Sunday, August 27 to give people of all age groups the opportunity to try growing organic food first hand and see what the farm is all about.

Karen's Channel swim attempt thwarted after boat breaks down

A Burscough woman's plans to swim the Channel were spoiled when the support boat that was to escort her broke down.

Karen Ennis had to head back to the northwest after the prop shaft on the boat 'Masterpiece' malfunctioned.

She remains upbeat, however, and is hopeful to return to Dover soon to complete her challenge once the boat is fixed and weather conditions permit.

She told the Champion that as she went back to work this week, and also returned to the pool to continue her training, the setback has been turned to good as people have given extra sponsorship for Alder Hey Chilldren's Hospital because of her woes.

"I've had lots of very, very generous sponsorship and also some 'pity' sponsors because they felt sorry for me," she said.

At the time of writing (Tuesday morning) Karen had secured £7,174.00 in sponsorship for her cause, more than 71% of her target amount, £10,000.

About her return to the English Channel, she said: "I've not got a date as such - I have to wait for a weather slot.

"Theoretically the boat gets fixed this week then there will be a swimmer to use the boat before me. Then I'm just waiting for a phone call."

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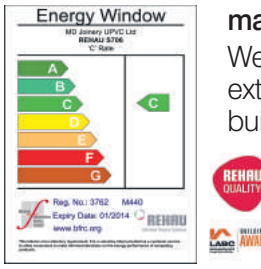

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Top names in car world head for Motorfest event

FORMER Top Gear presenter Steve Berry and leading motor racing commentator Neville Hay will be sharing their expert knowledge with motor racing fans at the 2017 Ormskirk MotorFest on Sunday, August 27.

Steve Berry at the wheel

The MotorFest is one of the North West's biggest free family events, and thousands of people are expected to come to Ormskirk to enjoy the motoring extravaganza.

About 300 cars and motorcycles from all eras of motoring will be on display and many of them will take part in exciting parade laps around the town centre.

Steve and Neville will be commentating on the laps at the free motoring extravaganza and also judging in the Concours d'Elegance, a special competition for the very best cars in the MotorFest.

Neville began working as a commentator at club circuits in the UK, including Aintree where the British Grand Prix was held between 1955 and 1962. His skills at the microphone led him to work at major international events such as Grand Prix, the Le Mans and Spa 24 hour races. Between 1975 and 1991 he worked for BBC Radio and commentated on a number of Motor Sport events. He has also worked in television on the Indianapolis 500 in the United States, World Powerboats and for Channel 7 in Australia, commentating on the famous Bathurst Race.

Neville Hay

Neville said: "I am looking forward to coming to MotorFest again this year. Getting involved with classic cars is a fantastic hobby whether you have a Jaguar or a Morris 1000, and your budget need not affect the amount of enjoyment you and your whole family can get from it."

Steve Berry was a presenter on Top Gear for 10 years.

Steve said: "I really enjoyed coming to the Ormskirk MotorFest in 2016 and I am really looking forward to coming again this year to see all the fantastic cars and motorbikes on display. It is a great family day out so come along and enjoy the fun."

Ormskirk MotorFest is organised by Aintree Circuit Club and supported by West Lancashire Borough Council.

Mike Ashcroft, chairman of Aintree Circuit Club, commented: "I am delighted both Steve and Neville will be joining us at the MotorFest this year to give us all the benefit of their expertise. Their knowledge adds something special to our great event."

Councillor John Hodson, council portfolio holder whose responsibilities include the MotorFest, said: "Many thousands of visitors are expected to come to Ormskirk for the MotorFest.

"We hope that town centre businesses will take advantage of this great opportunity and open up on MotorFest day."

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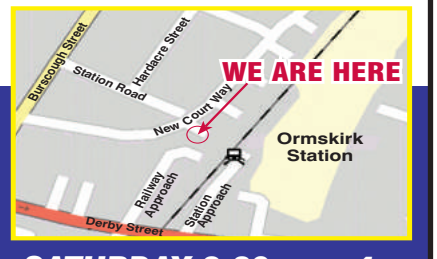

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Work underway on college's new £2.5m Construction Centre

Report by **Henry James**

West Lancashire College Principal Denise Williamson and student Jonathan Taylor along with key college partners mark the start of constructing a new £2.5 million pound facility.

WORK is underway on a £2.5m centre of excellence which it is hoped will provide crucial apprenticeship opportunities for young people in the borough.

Bosses at West Lancashire College were joined by key partners last Wednesday (August 16) to celebrate the beginning of work to transform land adjacent to the Asda superstore in the town, into a £2.5m Construction, Engineering & Logistics Centre.

Members of the college management team were joined by stakeholders, colleagues and students, who have supported the college in securing the development of the new centre

The new centre will provide facilities in which carpenters, bricklayers, electricians, engineers, motor mechanics, logistics operatives, plasterers and plumbers of the future can learn their skills in realistic working environments.

A spokeswoman for the college said: "It's crucial that the college caters for the needs of the young people and adults of our region, enabling them to gain the vocational skills that employers expect.

"The new centre is central to delivering the college's ambition of growth in apprenticeship provision and will meet local employment priorities."

Principal at West Lancashire College, Denise Williamson, added: "Our vision is to create a Centre of Excellence in construction, engineering and logistics. We will be offering a range of exciting new training programmes that meet the needs of our Local Area Partnership and enhance our current offer including warehousing, business logistics, driving goods vehicles and clean engineering.

"We have some world class manufacturers, logistics and engineering companies in the area and our new innovative centre will specialise in courses to meet industry needs and ensure that students develop the confidence and skills to walk straight into a career in industry.

"I am delighted to reach the construction stage of the project and very much look forward to opening the doors to students."

Kier regional director, Phil Oades, said: "We are delighted to be delivering this important project, which will provide outstanding new training facilities for West Lancashire.

"In a time where the construction industry is suffering from a skills shortage, new facilities like this will support attracting new talent into the industry.

"We look forward to continue working collaboratively with West Lancashire College and the local community for the duration of the project."

Rise in rural crime

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The items most commonly targeted by thieves across the county were 'All Terrain Vehicle' and quad bikes, 4x4s and, more worryingly, livestock.

According to the NFU report, statistics for the first half of this year rose by more than 20% nationally, raising concerns that a new wave of rural crime is hitting the countryside.

Jo Oliver, from the NFU Mutual, said: "Countryside criminals continue to become more brazen and farmers are now having to continually increase security and adopt new ways of protecting their equipment.

"In some parts of the county, farmers are having to turn their farmyards into fortresses to protect themselves from repeated thieves who are targeting quads, tractors and power tools.

"They are using tracking devices on tractors, video and infra-red surveillance in their farm yards and even DNA markers to protect sheep from rustlers."

The report reveals that being 'staked out' is the biggest worry for country people, followed closely by longer police response times in rural areas, according to the leading rural insurer.

Jo added: "The threat of becoming a victim of rural crime, and regular reports of suspicious characters watching farms is causing high levels of anxiety among farmers who know their rural location makes them vulnerable to attacks.

"Our advice to people living and working in the countryside is to regularly evaluate your current security measures making improvements where necessary, remain vigilant and report any suspicious activity to the local police and local farm watch schemes."

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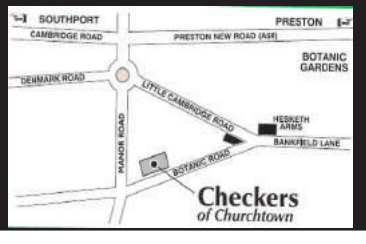

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Cyclist takes on 100-mile challenge to raise funds for cancer charity

by **Kenny Parker**

A BREAST cancer patient is set to cycle 100 miles in just one day to raise funds for charity.

Terry Cole, 57, has been clocking up hundreds of miles in training despite having gone through double surgery, chemotherapy and radiotherapy in his battle against the disease.

Now he is getting ready to take part in the Ride of the Roses, a 50, 80, or 100 mile cycle around some of Lancashire's prettiest countryside, starting and finishing in Banks on Sunday, September 3, to raise funds for the Clatterbridge Cancer Charity.

Terry was diagnosed in 2015 after finding what he thought was a cyst on his chest. He was shocked when he was told he was one of just 400 men in the UK diagnosed with breast cancer every year. He had surgery to remove the tumour and four lymph nodes, with a second operation on the right side of his chest a year later. Terry was determined to take part in the Ride of the Roses – and just 10 days after his fourth chemotherapy treatment in 2015, he got on his bike and completed the 50 mile route!

He said: "It was the worst I'd ever felt after a treatment and I needed three days in bed. It took a while to get my strength back but I really wanted to do the ride. There were moments I felt like I had nothing in my legs and I had to get off and walk up one of the hills, but it was a 25% climb and I wasn't the only one walking!"

Terry, who drives a forklift truck at Liverpool's fruit and vegetable market, returned to the event in 2016, this time completing the 75 mile route. He was back on the operating table a few weeks later for the second of his surgeries, but that hasn't stopped him.

Terry Cole will cycle 100 miles on the Ride of the Roses challenge

This year is the first time that he is planning to do the hardest, 100 mile, course. He added: "It still takes it out of me but I cycle around 100 miles a week. It has been really hard building my fitness up again but I'm getting there."

Terry added: "Clatterbridge staff have done so much for me, I just wanted to give something back to say thank you."

Sam Archibald from the Clatterbridge Cancer Charity said: "It's great to see Terry come back year after year to take on Ride of the Roses. The way he has faced his cancer treatment and used his love of cycling to inspire others and raise money for the appeal is truly amazing. We'll look forward to seeing him cross the finish line once again next month."

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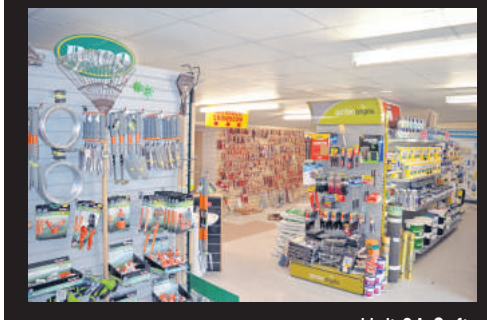
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Farm is first in area to sell unpasteurised milk

A FARMING family in Parbold has opened what they believe is the first farm shop in West Lancs to sell unpasteurised milk.

Rob Gorst, who runs the Sandy Ways dairy and cereals farm in Hoscar Moss Lane with wife Mandy and daughter Molly, 16, said: "We are the third generation of my family to run the farm and I believe that we are the only diary farm in West Lancs selling milk straight from the farm as unpasteurised milk. Once it has been pasteurised it loses so much of its goodness."

Due to safety concerns about pathogens found in unpasteurised milk, its sale is banned in Scotland and banned from shops and supermarkets in England, Northern Ireland and Wales, although farmers can sell it directly to local consumers through farm shops, farmers' markets and deliveries.

Rob, Molly and Mandy Gorst at Sandyways Farm in Lathom.

Richard Young, adviser at the Soil Association, a British food and farming charity and organic certification body, said: "People who produce and sell unpasteurised milk take their job very seriously.

"They tend to be very careful about where they get animals and animal welfare seems to be particularly important to small farmers.

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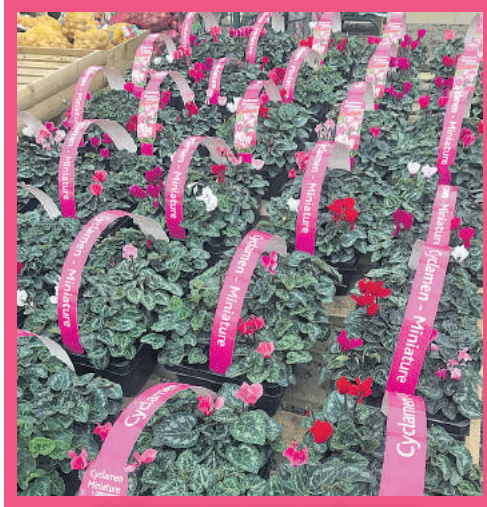

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Joseph receiving his results live on Good Morning Britain

Joseph collects his results live on TV

Report by **Kenny Parker**

SHARING exam successes with family, friends and even the local newspaper is par for the course for most sixth-form students, but one Burscough student went a step further!

Joseph Silvester, 18, who studied maths, further maths and economics at Winstanley College, was handed his results in a feature for ITV's Good Morning Britain last Thursday.

And he proved his academic credentials by being awarded a fantastic A*, B, A* to secure a place on a prestigious Finance Apprenticeship with Deloitte.

Joseph first became interested in becoming an apprentice with Deloitte after taking part in a challenge in college run by Deloitte and designed to give entrepreneurial students a chance to stand out, develop and apply entrepreneurial skills, and raise their profile as a potential Deloitte future talent.

Starting with £1 seed capital and access to a Deloitte mentor, teams of students had four weeks to generate as much profit possible. Joseph stood out from the crowd, impressing the judges to land the sponsored apprenticeship.

"I'm absolutely over the moon with my results and can't wait to start working for such a prestigious firm," he said.

Students celebrate A-level passes

Report by **Henry James**

SUCCESSFUL A-level students across the borough are celebrating their results.

Ormskirk School's sixth form college saw its highest proportion of A* to B grades ever, with 54% of entries awarded A* to B.

Martin Kerridge headteacher at Ormskirk school said: "I am delighted that the hard work of students and staff has been rewarded with fantastic results.

"All at the college are very proud that the determination and effort of the students has seen outstanding achievement, resulting in an average grade per entry of B-.

"This year we have achieved the highest proportion of A* to B grades ever, with 54% of entries awarded A* to B. Our excellence in applied/vocational courses has also continued, with 75% of entries awarded the highest possible Distinction* grade.

"These results further build on the improvements seen in previous years.

Some of the students at Ormskirk School who collected their A-level results last week

These achievements allow our students to follow the path of their choice, whether that be into higher education, apprenticeships or other further training.

"A significant number of our students will now progress to top universities and we are able to celebrate some exceptional individual performances, such as the achievement of Grace Houghton who secured four A* grades in her A-level studies.

"We believe our Sixth Form College provides a wonderful opportunity for students to truly fulfil their potential in a caring and vibrant community."

Rainford High, which take pupils from the borough, achieved a 98% A-level pass rate, with a record 45% securing A* to B and a 100% BTEC pass rate. This makes the percentage of students achieving Level 3 qualification passes at A* to B or Distinction* to Merit 55% the highest in the school's history.

Overall 77% of King George V students in Southport, which also takes pupils from West Lancashire, achieved high grades and the college's overall A-level pass rate is an impressive 99%, with 30 subject areas achieving 100% high grades. At the college 66% of students gained at least one A* or A grade.

The college also received a 100% pass rate for BTEC Advanced Level Extended Diplomas with 90% of these at Distinction grade or above.

A total of 120 A-level students at Winstanley College, which takes pupils from West Lancashire, got three or more As or A*s. Their overall pass rate was 99.6% and 33.8% achieved A/A* grades, way above the national average of 26.3%.

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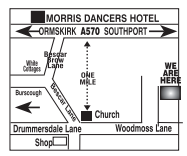

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Residents urged to speak up at council meetings

Report by **Henry James**

RESIDENTS who want to give their views on an item on a West Lancashire Borough Council agenda are being reminded that they have that chance.

People living in the borough have the chance to speak on certain agenda items at council meetings where important decisions are made that affect people across the borough.

In addition to longstanding arrangements already in place for speaking at Planning and Licensing Committees, there are also opportunities to speak on items being considered at meetings of Cabinet, Audit & Governance Committee, Standards Committee and Overview and Scrutiny Committees.

Dates of forthcoming meetings are:

- Audit & Governance Committee, Tuesday, September 5, 6.30pm
- Cabinet, Tuesday, September 12, 7pm
- Standards Committee, Tuesday, September 19, 5pm
- Executive Overview & Scrutiny Committee, Thursday, September 28, 7pm
- Corporate & Environmental Overview and Scrutiny Committee, Thursday, October 12, 7pm

Councillor Ian Moran

Agendas for these meetings will be published on the council's website www.westlancs.gov.uk in the week preceding the meeting. For example the agenda for the September Cabinet meeting will be published on Monday, September 4.

To request to speak, members of the public must contact Member Services with their request by 5pm on the Thursday of the week preceding the meeting. For example a request to speak at September Cabinet must reach the council by 5pm on Thursday, September 7.

The request can be submitted by email to member.services@westlancs.gov.uk or by sending to: Member Services, West Lancashire Borough Council, 52 Derby Street, Ormskirk, West Lancashire, L39 2DF.

Full details of the arrangements are provided in the Council's Public Speaking Protocol which can be found at www.westlancs.gov.uk/speak

Agendas and dates of future meetings can be found by going to www.westlancs.gov.uk and clicking on the link to council meetings and agendas in the 'About the Council' section on the homepage.

Councillor Ian Moran, leader of West Lancashire Borough Council, said: "The council provides services for people living and working in the borough and the opinions of local people about those services are really important to us.

"So please take a look at the agendas for these meetings when they are online and let us know if you want to come and speak on any of the items listed."

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Former member of Breathe Easy Group leaves more than £1,000 legacy to charity

Report by **Henry James**

A DONATION of £1,118.88 has been made to Southport and West Lancashire Breathe Easy group on behalf of a past member from Up Holland who died earlier this year.

A moving presentation took place at the group's recent meeting when Alan Johnson of Skelmersdale presented a cheque on behalf of Tricia Kelley.

Tricia suffered from Alpha 1-antitrypsin deficiency and died at Queenscourt Hospice, just a few days after her 48th birthday in early March.

Trisha Ireland from the group said: "This vibrant and much loved member had done a great deal of fundraising for the group and it had been her wish that we should also receive this wonderful donation in her memory."

Meanwhile at the same meeting, the guest speaker was local respiratory consultant, Dr. Banerjee, who gave a talk on COPD - Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease and answered questions from the audience. COPD is a progressive disease of the lungs, from which many people suffer. Dr. Banerjee also spoke of the causes, which frequently include past or current smoking, cold weather, polluted environments and viral infections.

He emphasised the importance of clearing the lungs of phlegm and how specialist physiotherapy (Pulmonary Rehabilitation, available at both Southport and Ormskirk) is a key help in this regard. Patients can ask their GPs to refer them for this help.

The next meeting of the West Lancashire & Southport Breathe Easy group will be held on Monday, August 21 at the Girl Guide HQ on Green Lane, Ormskirk starting from 11 am.

The speaker will be Specialist Physiotherapist, Melanie Reardon, from the Pulmonary Rehabilitation Service.

The Breathe Easy Sefton North group also meets once monthly, at the Dove Centre, Duke Street, Formby, starting at 1pm on the first Wednesday of each month.

Alan Johnson presenting the cheque to Breath Easy chairperson Harry Thacker.

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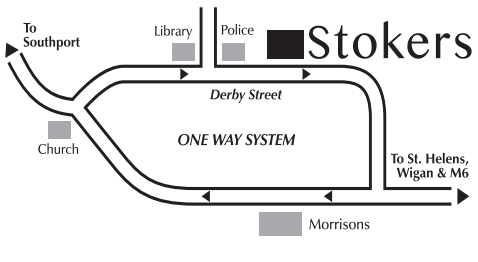

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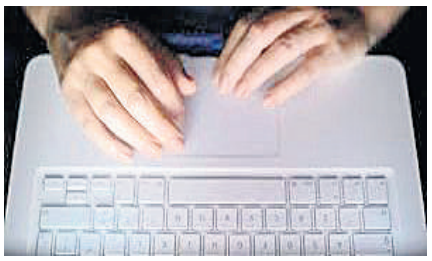

A member said: "We've had some success in bringing the Linux operating system to a wider audience.

"But we realise that users of Windows and Apple Macs also need a forum for discussion. We've already covered such important issues as robotics, computer security, the role of smartphones, surveillance, free and open software and much more.

"We invite anyone, expert or beginner, who wants to get a better understanding of the new world of information technology to join us.

"There is no subscription and the club is a friendly and informal venue."

The club meets on the second Monday of every month at the Greyhound pub in Ormskirk beginning at 7.30pm.

Jack's back on target to retain archery title

AN archer from Skelmersdale has retained a title he won at the Cheshire Archery Association's annual International Archery Federation tournament in Neston archers home ground of the Wirral Rugby Union Football Club.

Winning the Gents Recurve category at last year's tournament, Jack Grogan returned this year on Saturday, August 5 to successfully defend his title.

The tournament was played in the grounds of Wirral Rugby Union Club and a strong wind create problems for the accuracy of the archers.

Jack Grogan left, and in action, above.

The rounds consisted of shooting three dozen arrows at distances of 90, 70, 50 and 30 metres.

There were many low scores as the strong winds blew the arrows from their intended destination of the targets' gold centres.

Jack managed to attain higher scores than most and was at the top of the leaderboard by the fourth dozen of arrows. He maintained this lead throughout the rest of the tournament, distancing himself even more from the second placed archer with every dozen arrows shot.

Winning by 54 points over his nearest rival, Jack was awarded again with the trophy that he won the previous year.

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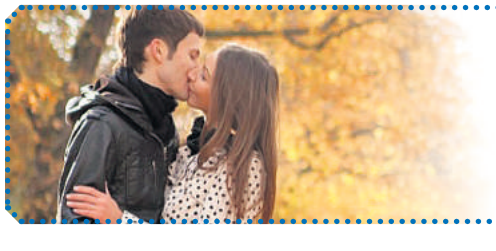

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NHS hospital chief excluded from work

by **Danielle Thompson**

THE executive medical director at Southport and Ormskirk Hospital NHS Trust has been excluded from work pending an investigation.

The exclusion of orthopaedic surgeon Rob Gillies, who took up the role in June 2013, follows an independent review of culture at the Trust.

The Trust commissioned the review, led by Professor Surinder Sharma from Leicester University, following concerns raised by staff with Care Quality Commission inspectors.

This exclusion comes after four members of management, including the Trust's chief executive Jonathan Parry, were suspended - on full pay - for more than two-and-a-half years, following whistle-blowing complaints from staff.

Now another of the Trust's top managers faces investigation.

An oddly-worded statement issued by the Trust read: "Southport and Ormskirk Hospital NHS Trust today (Monday) excluded from work the Executive Medical Director. The exclusion follows an independent review of culture at the Trust led by Prof Surinder Sharma, of Leicester University. The Trust commissioned the review following concerns raised by staff with Care Quality Commission inspectors.

Rob Gillies

"The Executive Medical Director will remain excluded while an independently-led preliminary situational analysis takes place in line with the Trust policy.

"Exclusion from work is not a disciplinary sanction but is a neutral action pending the completion of a preliminary situational analysis."

Richard Fraser, Chairman of the Trust, said: "The Trust expects the preliminary situational analysis to be completed promptly while, at the same time, ensuring the best interests of all parties are fairly served.

"I want to assure staff, patients, their families and the public that no aspect of the concerns raised relates to issues of patient care or safety.

"As this is an employment matter, there will be no further comment from the Trust while the preliminary situational analysis takes place."

The Trust later confirmed that Dave Snow, A&E consultant and joint associate medical director for urgent care has taken on the role of interim medical director.

The news of Mr Gillies exclusion came 24 hours before a planned visit to Southport hospital by Health Secretary Jeremy Hunt to discuss patient safety.

Earlier this month, Mr Hunt congratulated staff at the Trust for their 'exceptional improvement' after it was named as the most improved in England between January and March for getting patients home from hospital, saying it was a 'real example to others.'

Borough's CCTV 'being used well to combat crime and promote public safety'

Report by **Kenny Parker**

CCTV in West Lancashire operated by the borough council is being well used to combat crime and promote public safety, and is not being used to inappropriately invade personal privacy, an independent audit has said.

As well as awarding the borough council the 2017 Surveillance Camera Commissioner's code of practice certification, the audit, which is carried out every year, also commended the work of one of the CCTV scheme's workers, awarding him Security Officer of Distinction.

This certification provides reassurance to the community that the council's public open space CCTV scheme is managed appropriately; the information gathered from the cameras is used in an appropriate manner and in accordance with the Surveillance Code of Practice guidelines.

It also demonstrates the council's compliance with the Surveillance Code of Practice and proves good practice.

Councillor Kevin Wright, portfolio holder for Community Safety, said: "Both these achievements are great news for the team and prove how hard they work to provide an effective CCTV operation for the borough which provides great value for money.

"Congratulations to the member of our monitoring team who won the award and everyone involved with the CCTV team."

The council currently operates 107 public open space cameras.

The council's 2016/17 annual report on the CCTV it operates showed that CCTV staff helped police officers make 282 arrests in West Lancashire in that period.

They were involved in 643 missing/vulnerable person incidents and also identified 1,637 incidents themselves through their general monitoring.

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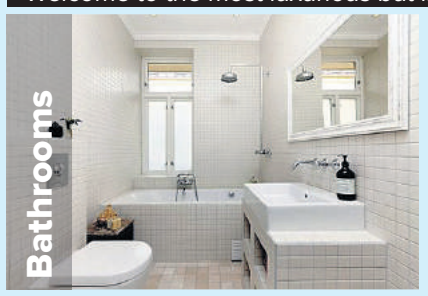

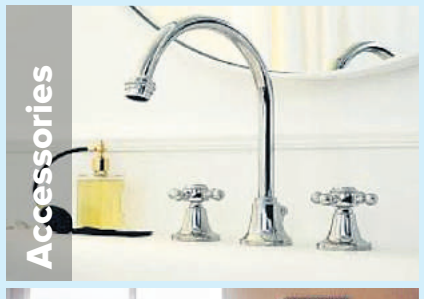

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Champion LETTERS to the Editor

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Disgusted by 'propaganda'

I was disgusted at the 'Jeremy Hunt' propaganda piece in a recent edition of the Champion.

Since Hunts 'privatisation' of Southport and Ormskirk health services I've visited three times to find patients still waiting on trolley's in the hallway.

I had an accident one Sunday and wasn't seen until the Monday... and still had a four hour wait for an x-ray. Have you tried sitting on a hard chair for four hours after an accident?

On a completely separate visit to an unrelated department, there was a notice on the desk 'no receptionist today. Please be patient.'

This is not getting at the staff but the new management are useless.

Tom Rooneo
(by email)

Hotel stay just Champion!

I recently won a competition in the Champion to spend a night at the Mercure Hotel in Haydock.

My husband and I had a fantastic time.

We received a friendly welcome with complimentary drinks and the meal in the Beechers Restaurant was delicious.

Our waitress Tracey provided excellent service. We slept in a Privilege Room and used the spa facilities too.

Thanks so much for this wonderful surprise!

Fiona P Woods
Burscough

Bias towards London really cheeses me off

I'M becoming increasingly cheesed off with hearing of all the billions of pounds being spent in London on railway projects - because London and the south-east need it.

They say it's beneficial to the whole of Britain because all lines lead to the capital.

What rubbish.

How does it benefit Skelmersdale when we don't even have a link to the rail network.

Hang on, though, we will have in seven to ten years - if there are no unforeseen hold ups.

It really does anger me when I hear of the fortunes being spent in London and yet we here in Skelmersdale - an unfinished New Town - have to wait for such an eternity to get anything done.

William Clarke
(by email)

Station not needed!

Henry James writes about the 'proposed' new railway station with the usual photo of Councillor John Fillis in his red coat. Is he a fox hunter?

Why does Fillis declare himself as campaigning for this non event. Has he nothing else to do?

There are two obvious reason why a railway station is not needed.

One is, there are not now ,or ever likely to be, enough passengers, and reason two is there is an existing station in Up Holland, and another at Ormskirk. Surely it is far easier and infinitely more cost effective to co-ordinate the existing bus service with selective train times.

A new station in Skelmersdale at a prohibitive cost of say £50 million is lunacy.

I suggest Councillor Fillis and his fellow 57 Councillors would serve the populace better by ensuring Ormskirk Hospital remains open instead of flying kites about railway stations.

Graham Walker
Up Holland

PICTURE of the week

The Black Knight gallops into the arena joining his jousting stunt team to thrill crowds with a spectacular display of medieval entertainment at last week's Southport Flower Show. Picture Martyn Snape.

Budget survey is an opportunity to influence the decisions Borough Council will make

WEST Lancashire Borough Council is inviting community groups and local businesses to give their views on the Borough Council's policy options for savings, efficiencies and increases in income to balance the budget for 2018/19.

The Council is facing significant financial challenges, like many councils in the country, and we need to continue to reduce spending and generate income.

The Meeting the Budget Challenge Survey 2017 gives your organisation or business a chance to influence the decisions the Council will make.

To complete the survey on behalf of your organisation visit: www.westlancs.gov.uk/yourviews. The survey will take around ten minutes to complete.

We will only be able to accept one response on behalf of each organisation. If members of your organisation wish to give their views as individual residents they can do so by completing the survey for residents on the council website at: www.westlancs.gov.uk/yourviews

We are keen to contact as many organisations and businesses as possible.

If you would prefer to submit your organisation's views by letter or email, or if you would prefer a paper version of the survey or a large-print copy, please contact Jane McNeice, Partnership and Project Officer: tel 01695 585380, email jane.mcneice@westlancs.gov.uk

The deadline for submitting views is September 3 2017. The Council will consider the results in October 2017.

We hope you will be able to take part. The views of local organisations and businesses are important and we'd like to thank you, in advance, for taking the time to influence important decisions about Council services.

Jane McNeice
Partnership & Project Officer

Grants can help stroke survivors meet challenges

As many of your readers will know, stroke is devastating, changing people's lives in the blink of an eye.

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To find out more about applying for a grant, call our Stroke Helpline on 0303 3033 100, or visit stroke.org.uk/grants or email us at grants.external@stroke.org.uk

Chris Larkin
Regional Director
Stroke Association

No offence was meant to people in Skelmersdale

In response to my letter re: Skem should be moved out of West Lancashire.

Firstly, I would like to apologise if I have caused offence to the people of Skelmersdale. This was never my intention.

Secondly, it has nothing to do with snobbery. I have been a resident of Skelmersdale for the past 50 years, but have always felt that the town has been let down by West Lancashire BC.

Ormskirk has always had the cherries and Skelmersdale has just had the pips. However, I stand by my point that economically and socially the town and the people including myself (hard working and a tax payer) would be best served by a larger authority such as Wigan or Merseyside in terms of investment on infrastructure and facilities etc.

Skelmersdale has never achieved the status of a Town and probably never will as long as it remains part of West Lancashire.

Patricia Walsh
(resident of Skelmersdale)

The fight for LGBT rights is still not over in this country

As we celebrate 50 years from the decriminalisation of homosexuality in the UK, it seems attitudes are changing among our youth, with more than three out of four young people supporting LGBT rights, according to recent surveys.

However, just as we felt the UK was a place of liberalism and tolerance, it seems our majority is slim, and great numbers of people are still uncomfortable with homosexuality.

We must educate people on this issue and we must keep working on the great work being done to recognise LGBT rights.

Attacks aggravated by homophobia can still be considered not to be a hate crime in the same sense as an attack based on faith or race.

Trans acceptance still lacks far behind that of acceptance of homosexuality and more than a third of Brits still feel gay adoption is wrong, again, according to surveys.

Meanwhile the US bans transgender people from the military.

We cannot give in now - we must keep fighting for equality and for love. The fight is not over.

Lewis Elder
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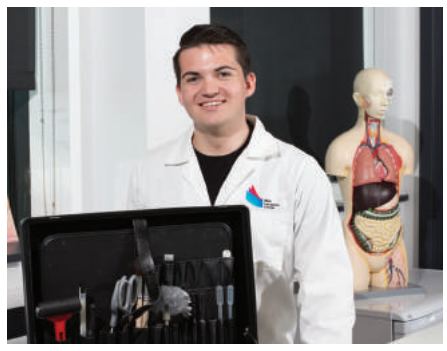

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Humble home hosepipe could spell danger to your water supply

HOUSEHOLDERS are being warned that the humble hosepipe could be a danger to their drinking water – as well as exposing them to the risk of developing legionnaires' disease.

Many homeowners don't realise how ill they can become if the water in the hosepipe 'backflows' into their drinking water supply, or becomes contaminated by the potentially lethal bacteria which causes legionnaires' disease, says WaterSafe.

The plumbing body has teamed up with health expert Dr Susanne Lee, director of Leegionella Ltd, to warn of the dangers.

The advice comes after media reports emerged about the death of a 63-year-old Norfolk grandfather from legionnaires' disease, which may have been contracted from working in the garden with a hose. Shirley Cramer CBE, Chief Executive of the Royal Society for Public Health said: "Getting the message out about hosepipe safety is of great importance for the public's health. Quick and easy measures can ensure drinking water is kept clear of contaminants to keep families safe."

For more information on hosepipe safety go to watersafe.org.uk.

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Rail travel should be about comfort as well as speed and frequency

I can now happily report that Louisa Hopkins' missing key ring (last seen at Morrisons in Maghull, Dog column August 9 edition) has now been found - thanks to the RAC!

Louisa's son, Kevin, is a member of that august body, and it runs a 'Key Locator' service whereby lost car keys that have been handed in are returned to their owner.

"A little parcel arrived in the post, and lo and behold, my keys were in it," she told me.

"I was so relieved, and very grateful to whoever found them and sent them to the RAC."

So all's well that ends well.

Which is more than I can say about our railways.

I apologise to all of you who are getting bored with my preoccupation on this subject.

But I think it is important.

As our roads become ever more crowded - and whether with cars fuelled by infernal combustion engines or by electricity is in this case irrelevant - our railways could and should become a true, practical and enticing way of getting from A to B.

Again, the subject of electrification - desirable as it well might be - is of secondary importance if all you want to do is travel.

I read a letter in a railway magazine last week that made this point very well, but for me it was spoiled by denigrating those of us who think rail travel should also be comfortable.

The writer's point was that what is needed are fast and frequent trains.

And he was right - except that I cannot see that this should rule out comfort as well.

Our new Inter-City Express Trains, being rolled out in both electric and 'bi-mode' as I have said, now will in fact have big diesel engines, and are no doubt technological marvels.

But from what I have read, every person who has had a look at the prototypes thinks the passenger environment, from plastic looking interiors to uncomfortable seats, is infinitely inferior to the HST 125 trains they are replacing.

Why on earth should this be?

Dragging

If modern designers really cannot come up with something better (and I reckon the trouble lies in cost and rather suspect benefits in weight savings), could they not simply have a gander at the HST décor, and bring it up to date a tad perhaps?

And actually, if a fair proportion of this wonderful train's time is to be spent diesel powered anyway, could not the HSTs be allowed to continue in service until some future administration comes up with the money to complete the overhead electrification?

As things are, we will apparently have new, less comfortable Inter-City trains, which when 'under the wires' will be dragging the extra weight of a large diesel engine, which will become redundant if and when the lines they are running on gain electric masts.

And on the subject of trains, you'll remember my sadness at the disappearing First Class on trains.

Apparently this is being done at the behest of Government, as much as the train companies.

And it flies in the face of the fact that more folk are actually wanting to travel First Class.

I realise demand for rail travel is increasing, and more standard class seats urgently are needed - but would it not be in the interests of everyone to provide more carriages and possibly longer trains, rather than limiting choice?

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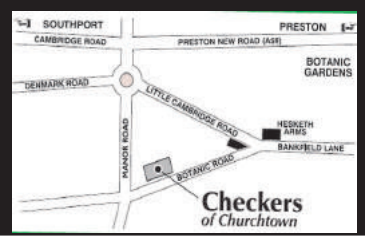

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Study says NHS patients in borough have some of the best access to vital medical treatments

Report by **Henry James**

NHS PATIENTS in West Lancashire have some of the best access in the country to vital medical treatments such as pacemakers, cataract surgery, and hip and knee replacements, according to a new study by the Medical Technology Group.

The report examined data from all 209 Clinical Commissioning Groups (CCGs) from across England to find out how effective they are at giving patients access to medical technology.

It found that NHS West Lancashire CCG was in the top ten CCG performers when measured against the NHS 18-week 'referral to treatment' target and the NHS Atlas of Variation, which measures how patients' access to NHS services varies across the country.

The report revealed wide regional variation in patient access to medical technology and a distinct north-south divide, with nine out of the ten of the worst performing CCGs located in the south.

MTG chair, Barbara Harpham

Patient waiting times are steadily increasing across all CCGs, the MTG study found.

NHS performance reached a peak in late 2012 when nearly 19 out of 20 patients (94.8 per cent) were referred to a consultant within the 18-week timeframe. However, in April this year the figure had declined to nine out of ten, with almost three times more patients (380,000) waiting longer than 18 weeks for treatment compared with 130,000 in November 2012.

Chair of the MTG, Barbara Harpham, said: "Delivering high quality healthcare, no matter where you live, is one of the fundamental principles of the NHS. But budget cuts and rationing is having a huge impact on the service patients receive, and the outcome they can expect.

"This enormous variation can't simply be explained by the regional differences in populations. There is an unprecedented strain on the health service and patients are not being given equal access to the treatment – and most importantly – the technology they need."

She added: "Quicker and better access to medical technology can save the NHS money in the long term, by avoiding complications and additional treatment and by getting patients out of hospital and back to work and into the community.

"It's time to reassess how medical technology is commissioned and to call these underperforming health services to account."

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Flying the flag for the Merchant Navy

Mayor of West Lancashire to attend special event

Report by **Kenny Parker**

WEST Lancashire dignitaries will attend a flag raising ceremony to raise awareness of this island nation's dependence on the Merchant Navy.

The special occasion will take place on Friday September 1 and will be attended by both the leader and deputy mayor of the council, Councillor Ian Moran, and Councillor Noel Delaney, as well as the council's Armed Forces Champion and mayor's chaplain, Terry Devine and Father Michael Thompson, and other senior council officers.

The civic leaders will join for the raising of the Red Ensign at 10am outside the West Lancashire Borough Council offices at 52 Derby Street, Ormskirk.

The council is supporting a nationwide call from the Seafarers UK charity and the Merchant Navy Association for the Merchant Navy's official flag to be flown on public buildings and landmark flagstaffs.

The charity's president, HRH the Earl of Wessex, has endorsed the campaign, saying: "On this Merchant Navy Day, I very much hope you will support this campaign by Seafarers UK to remember the sacrifices, salute the courage and support the future of the often unsung personnel of our Merchant Navy. Too often they are the forgotten or invisible service, by raising the Red Ensign you will ensure that at least on this day they are remembered. Your act will mean so much to their families and to the retired, but most especially to those at sea."

Cllr Delaney said: "I am really pleased the council has been given the opportunity to recognise the Merchant Navy by flying the Red Ensign. The people of the United Kingdom owe a debt of gratitude to the seafarers and the flag raising is an opportunity for us all to pay tribute to the work that they do."

The Red Ensign will be flown across the UK to remind citizens of its dependence on the Merchant Navy.

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Smaller farms 'must have more support'

Report by **Kenny Parker**

SMALLER farms are heading towards a "cliff edge", says a new report by the Campaign to Protect Rural England (CPRE), which includes statistics on West Lancs.

In a report backed by the Lancashire National Farmer's Union, CPRE claims that figures show England is rapidly losing its network of smaller farms, and the diversity in food and landscape they provide.

Statistics provided by Defra show that for West Lancs, which is a significant producer of fruit and vegetables, accounting for 94% of the Lancashire total and 71% of that produced in the north west, between 2007 and 2013 there was no significant change in the number of full time farmers and directors, but almost a third lost in the number of part-timers and a 45% reduction in the number of salaried managers.

The rural action group CPRE says that competition and market pressures have put great strain on smaller farms, with supermarkets controlling 90% of the retail market and forcing down prices.

West Lancs is a significant producer of vegetables and crops

West Lancs National Farmers Union adviser Adam Briggs said: "The NFU recognises the changing structure of farming businesses, something of a very long term trend, not just the past ten years.

"That is why we look to secure a policy that enables farms to be profitable. The recent NFU document on a new domestic agricultural policy sets out what we believe government need to consider to deliver a resilient rural economy where farming businesses can grow and thrive into the future. We need measures that will address volatility as well as productivity and the environment.

Graeme Willis, food and farming campaigner at the CPRE, said: "There is a silent crisis in the farming sector. Smaller farms struggle to compete in the current market and, if the current trends continue, they could all but disappear from the English countryside by the middle of the century.

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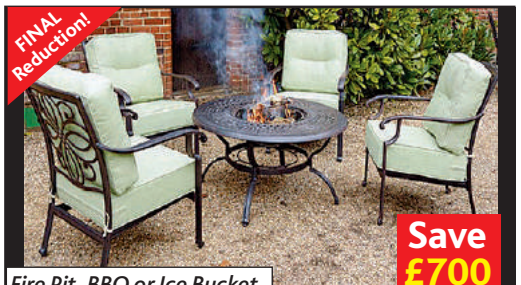

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Lecturer mingles with stars at London's World Athletics Championship

Report by **Kenny Parker**

AS the world's top athletes gathered together in London for the World Athletics Championships an Edge Hill sports lecturer volunteered his time to give a massage or an ice bath to anyone needing his help.

Ross Armstrong, lecturer in Sports Therapy, took a break from his research to get involved with the athletics he loves and be part of a team providing expert advice and physiotherapy.

The capital's biggest sporting event since the 2012 Olympic Games, the ten-day athletics competition attracted almost 2,000 athletes from more than 200 countries. Mega stars Usain Bolt and Mo Farah were among those competing.

Ross said: "I really enjoyed being right at the heart of the action and responded to any athletes needing treatment before, after or during a session.

"It was quite a tough role as a high level of diplomacy is required. You might have to advise an athlete that competing might cause them further or serious injury.

"Ultimately it's up to the athletes if they take that advice, but the smaller teams of maybe only three of four athletes tend to be very grateful for your advice and treatment as they might not have access to physios at home.

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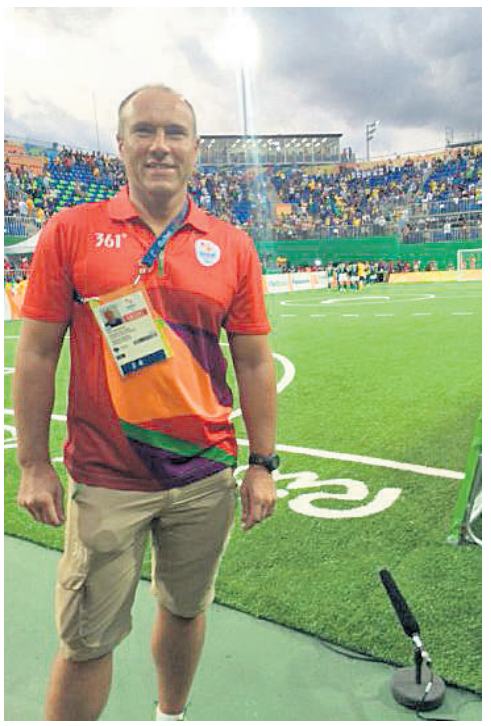
He added: "I was last at the Queen Elizabeth Olympic Park during the Olympic Games and the atmosphere was fantastic.

"I love athletics and it's great to be able to see world famous athletes, network and work in a team of physiotherapists making real-time decisions."

Ross spent one week at the tournament. He then returned to Edge Hill to continue his latest research into whether physical screening programmes can predict injuries in athletes.



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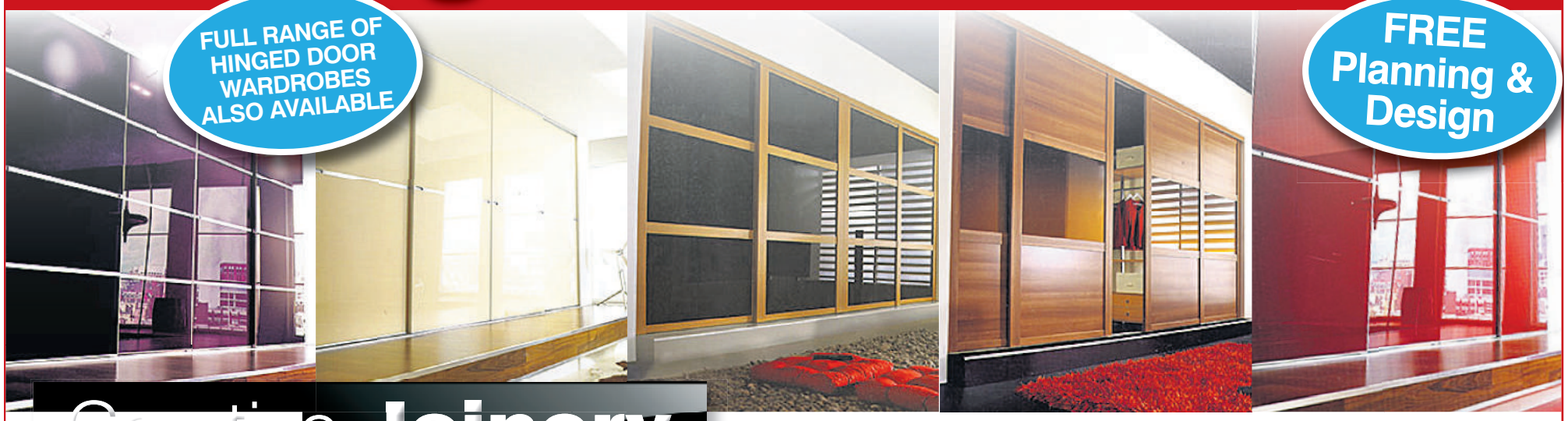

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The programme, led by the Lancashire LEP Skills Support for the Workforce, aims to enhance employee skills and career prospects in basic skills and intermediate to higher level.

Dan Scott, managing director of PHX Training, said: "This is a significant commitment to the training of people of all ages in the region and we're thrilled to be delivering it.

"We regularly see the benefits of developing skills in the workforce for employers who need people with the right skills in all types of sectors. This programme will help to do just that on a wider scale."

Subject areas to be covered will include customer service, business and administration, warehousing and hospitality. Priorities of the learning are to improve workplace opportunities, to support progression at work, a promotion or an increase in working hours or salary.

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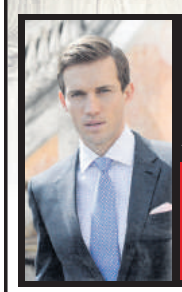
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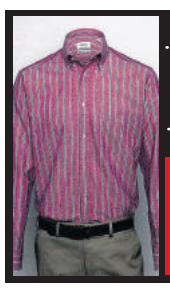
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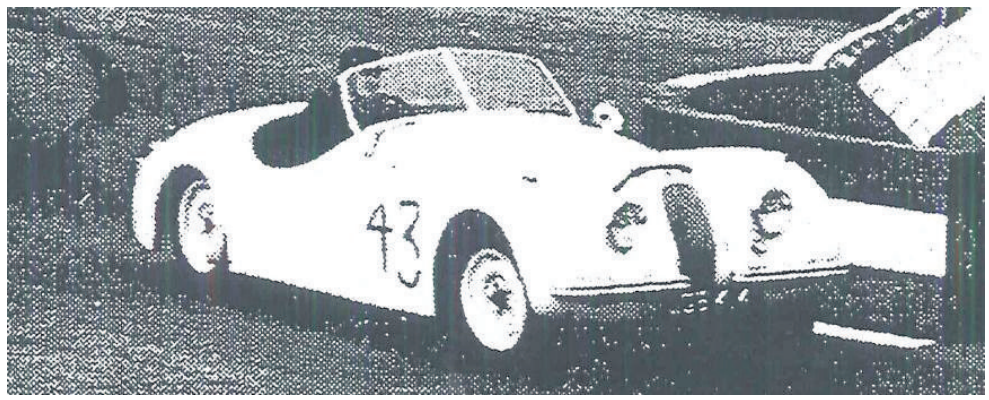

Betty Haig in the Jaguar XK120. Its current owner says it still drives "superbly". Photo from 1954.

Famous racing car to appear at MotorFest

Report by **Kenny Parker**

MOTORING fans and visitors to the upcoming MotorFest are in for a treat as organisers confirm that a famous 1951 racing car will be making a welcome appearance.

The much anticipated Ormskirk motoring festival is now only days away, starting up on Sunday, August 27, and among the hundreds of classic cars and sports vehicles to be paraded around the streets of Ormskirk will be the Jaguar XK120, which was driven to victory many times in the 1950s.

Its driver, Betty Haig, a member of the Haig family that created the famous whisky, had many notable successes including the Ladies Championships at Goodwood and Shelsley Walsh.

Although not a works car it was prepared at the Jaguar factory by Lofty England, a legendary race engineer who worked on Jaguar cars that won the Le Mans 24 Hour Race in 1951 and 1953.

The car certainly has a colourful history as Betty bought it from another famous female racing driver Lorna Doone-Snow. She raced it in all the major European and UK rallies, including the Alpine Rally and Daily Express Rally. Original owner Gordon McKerracher also raced the car and competed in hill climbs, mainly in Scotland.

Since the 1980s the vehicle has been used in historic events. Current owner Kenneth Johnson bought the car 14 years ago and has driven it in many events across the UK and as far away as Spain.

He said: "I have kept her to the original specification and she still drives superbly. I am looking forward to bringing her to the MotorFest."

The Ormskirk MotorFest is one of the biggest free family events in the North West. More than 300 classic and competition vehicles from all eras of motoring will be on display in Coronation Park and Ormskirk town centre streets.

Mike Ashcroft, chairman of Aintree Circuit Club, which organises the motor festival with the support of West Lancashire Borough Council, said: "We are really pleased to have such a well-known vehicle coming to the Ormskirk MotorFest as the Jaguar XK120. It has a great history and I am sure many visitors to MotorFest will enjoy taking a look at her."

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Liverpool named UK's greatest sporting city

LIVERPOOL has been named the 'UK's Greatest Sporting City for 2017' in an annual survey which aims to find the best place in the country to be a sports fan.

The findings, published by ESPN and the University of Bath, saw the city top of the table after scoring highly in many of the 12 factors that supporters identified as key to a great sporting city.

Some of these categories included venues, a sense of community, history, transport and success, with Liverpool pipping second placed Manchester to top spot.

Liverpool was placed sixth in the 2015 survey, and climbed to fourth last year, before claiming the top spot in this year's research.

Commenting on the research, assistant professor Thomas Curran, University of Bath, said: "Liverpool pipped Manchester to the title this year, and the gap between the top two was just half a point – the smallest winning margin we've seen. It's a deserved victory for Liverpool after it placed fourth last year, and made the leap to top spot this year thanks to strong performances in a variety of factors."

Steven Saunders, Senior Editor of ESPN.co.uk, said: "It's a really impressive result. There seems to be a really positive atmosphere for the city at the moment, with Everton and Liverpool looking stronger than they have in years, Tranmere and St Helens doing well, and the bid for the Commonwealth Games gathering momentum."

Liverpool and Everton - key reasons why city was ranked top

Liverpool mayor Joe Anderson said: "Liverpool has a proud sporting history and to be recognised internationally for this is a great honour. Our vision for the Commonwealth Games is to make the entire UK proud of Liverpool, and it is special to know that fans up and down the country already respect our sporting prestige.

"Sport is a tool to change the lives of many, and we believe that Liverpool 2022 will do exactly this. The Games will help to fast-track up to a billion pounds of investment for the city, and we are working around the clock to persuade the Government that this bid is perfect to showcase Britain to the world."

Peter Moore, Chief Executive Officer, Liverpool Football Club said: "It is no surprise that Liverpool has been named as the UK's greatest sporting city in ESPN's research. Liverpool is an incredible city with a rich sporting heritage and filled with the most passionate fans in the world."

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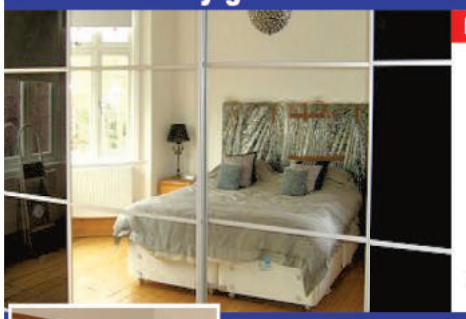

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Residents rally to help elderly during power cut in Aughton

SCOTTISH Power have apologised to residents after a lengthy power cut hit homes in Aughton last Wednesday.

Some houses were without power from mid afternoon until early evening, and in some cases 11pm.

Former teacher Philip Ironside, 73, and his wife Carol, 66, praised the residents of the Sefton Gardens estate for their stoicism.

Mr Ironside was one of several residents who went to check on the older neighbours on the estate, one of whom was bedridden and said to be reliant on her electricity supply, and keep them informed of updates. He said his own power was not switched back on until 10.55pm.

"No-one was shouting, or swearing, or getting angry. They just got on with it," said Mr Ironside.

A spokesperson for Scottish Power said that the supply to 190 customers was affected. While repairs to the supply were undertaken a number of generators were utilised to restore power to the affected homes.

The spokesperson added: "Scottish Power apologises for inconvenience caused due to an underground cable fault caused by a third party working in the area."

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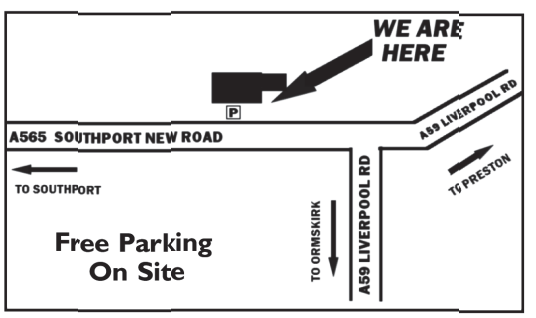

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Scheme will help young women victims of abuse

Report by **Henry James**

A NEW scheme is being started to help young women in West Lancashire avoid being victims of domestic abuse.

The West Lancashire Safe Teens Project will aim to ensure girls and young women from age 13 are supported and given the skills to deal with issues including domestic abuse, sexual harassment, child sexual exploitation, and social media abuses such as cyber bullying, grooming or revenge porn.

West Lancashire Borough Council, the Liberty Centre and West Lancashire Clinical Commissioning Group worked together on a successful application for £160,089 to the Home Office and the money will fund the project for three years.

The West Lancashire scheme was one of only 17 projects nationwide awarded money by the Home Office in this round of funding.

A Safe Teens Development Worker at the Liberty Centre will deliver the project on behalf of the West Lancashire Community Safety Partnership.

Mike Maguire, chief officer at NHS West Lancashire CCG, said: "The West Lancashire Safe Teens Project is vital, as it helps to empower girls and young women to understand what is and isn't a healthy relationship and arm them with the skills to deal with situations that they may find themselves in."

In a separate boost to its funding, the Liberty Centre will also get a £97,310 share of further government funding of £1.3m for refuge provision and support to victims of domestic abuse across Lancashire. West Lancashire Borough Council, along with other district councils across the county, assisted the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner and Lancashire County Council with the successful bid.

This money will provide, on a fixed term basis, three additional posts to help women needing support to remain safely in their homes or access accommodation away from the refuge through the provision of a Sanctuary Scheme. A 'Complex Needs Support Worker' will support victims accessing this. A Domestic Abuse Development Worker will help victims access training and support them into employment. A Family Support Worker will ensure high-level therapeutic needs among the wider family are addressed, and help reduce the risk of the children becoming future victims.

Gwen Bleasdale, acting Liberty Centre CEO, said: "Domestic abuse ruins lives with many victims forced to leave their homes for their own safety to access the services they urgently need. The impact spreads across other family members and can seriously affect children.

"We are very grateful to the borough and county councils and all the other organisations who helped obtain this funding. One lot of money will help people who have suffered domestic abuse regain control of their lives and the other will help younger women avoid becoming victims."

David Tilleray, chairman of West Lancashire Community Safety Partnership said: "The Liberty Centre provides much needed support to women and their families experiencing domestic abuse and the extra funding will help increase the great work it does. The WLCSP will ensure the 'Safe Teens' project has access to an established support network to help identify young people who are 'at risk' that require support and guidance."

Councillor Kevin Wright, West Lancashire Borough Council portfolio holder for health and wellbeing, said: "Working to bring funding from many sources into the borough for the benefit of local people helps to show what great value for money West Lancashire Borough Council provides."

Disability Helpline service AGM

Tony Lewis, manager of Disability Advice West Lancs

DISABILITY Advice West Lancs, also known as West Lancs Disability Helpline - is holding its Annual General Meeting on Wednesday, September 27 at its office on the second floor of Whelmar House in Skelmersdale, starting at 10.30am.

As in previous years they will be discussing their performance in 2016 and their aims for the future.

Tony Lewis, manager of Disability Advice West Lancs, said: "Our Queen's Award winning charity, established in 1981, provides high quality, confidential information, advice and support to disabled people and their carers in West Lancashire, empowering them to make informed choices about how they wish to live their lives.

"The feedback we have received includes a client who told us 'we changed her life - from her first meeting with us' because of the advice and support we provided.

"Another client said that she now feels that she does not have to worry when she receives official documentation; she feels safer as she knows she can ask for help if she does not understand the content.

"A third client was appreciative that we saw her in her own home and brought our welfare advice service to her, so she would not be excluded because she was housebound. We enabled her to successfully claim the higher rate of Attendance Allowance and she now reports that she feels much tidier and better, as she is able to pay a cleaner and a gardener weekly."

Examples of services provided include: information & advice regarding holidays, equipment, leisure, mobility, community care, transport, welfare benefits advice, form-filling, guidance during the appeal process and signposting.

The team deals with almost 5,000 enquiries each year and generates approximately a million pounds in welfare benefit income for clients.

Clients can contact the helpline by Freephone on 0800200676, or can call in to Whelmar House office in person.

Peter Wren, chairman of DAWL added: "We are looking to expand our volunteer base and we would welcome talking to anyone who thinks they meet our criteria."

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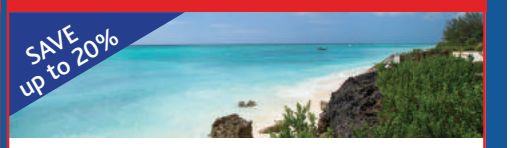

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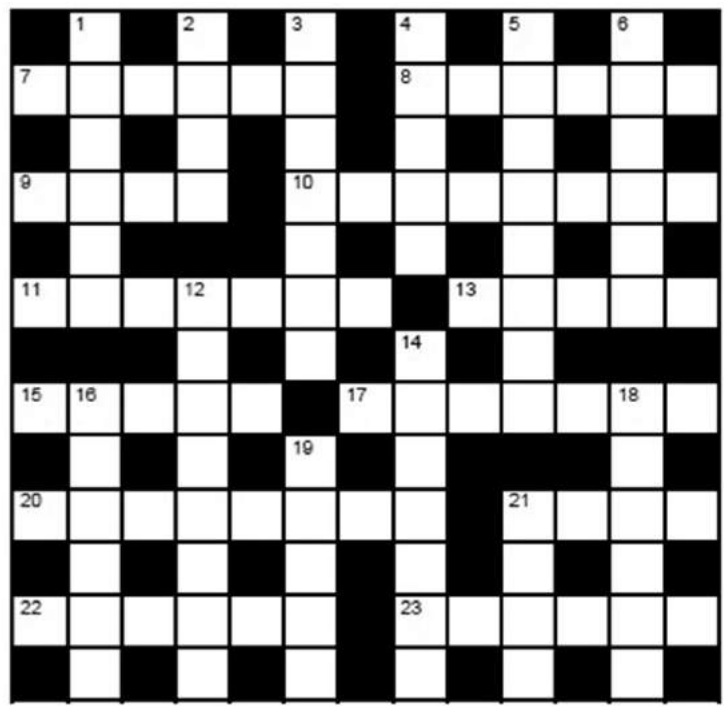

Last week's solutions:

Across: 7. Tongue twister. 8. Inundate. 9. Reed. 10. Inhaler. 12. Steal. 14. Enter. 16. Butcher. 19. Jeer. 20. Lifeless. 22. Nautical miles.

Down: 1. Horn. 2. Uganda. 3. Belated. 4. Owner. 5. Esprit. 6. Beverage. 11. Nonmetal. 13. Buffalo. 15. Errata. 17. Collie. 18. Slice. 21 Spew.

ACROSS

7. A large, self-contained mass of stars such as the Milky Way (6)
8. Machine for converting mechanical energy into electrical energy (6)
9. Various branches of creative activity, such as painting, music, literature, and dance (4)
10. The mating and production of offspring by animals (8)
11. Chilled beverage typically flavoured with lemon (4, 3)
13. Grossly fat or overweight (5)
15. Vigour and spirit or enthusiasm (5)
17. Area of study including subjects such as chemistry, physics and biology, for example (7)
20. Infinite or unending time (8)
21. Lie exposed to warmth and light, typically from the sun (4)
22. Having happened in the near past (6)
23. Tropical American lizard with a spiny crest along the back (6)

DOWN

1. Cloth produced by weaving or knitting textile fibres (6)
2. The lowest adult male singing voice (4)
3. Child's expression for sleep (3-4)
4. Mammary gland of female cattle (5)
5. Not fit or suitable for eating (8)
6. Reparation (6)
12. Separated and went in a different direction (8)
14. Material used for artificial nails (7)
16. Conjunction used before the first of two given alternatives (6)
18. Cover or shell that protects or encloses something (6)
19. Short, simple song (5)
21. (Of sparkling wine) unsweetened, very dry (4)

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Housezat! Jones Homes bosses show their community spirit by sponsoring village cricket club

Rufford Cricket Club, established 1896 and situated on Cousin Lane, welcome the sponsorship from Jones Homes.

Report by **Kenny Parker**

RUFFORD Cricket Club's coffers have been given a welcome boost after a housebuilder committed to a sponsorship deal.

With construction well underway at its new development off New Road in Rufford, Jones Homes says it wants to immerse itself in the local community and considers Rufford Cricket Club as being "at the heart of this idyllic Lancashire village."

The housebuilder is currently building 34 executive family homes at Roseacre Gardens, the first new housing development in the village for more than 20 years, and recently opened a show home at the location.

The firm will support the club for the 2017/18 season.

David Blundell, vice chairman and first team player at Rufford Cricket Club said: "We welcome Jones Homes' involvement and support of the club. The club is very much part of the Rufford community and our partnership with Jones Homes, a well-established housebuilder in Lancashire – and currently within our village, has been warmly received by both the players and supporters."

The club is understood to most likely use the sponsorship money for maintenance and upkeep of the grounds.

The housebuilder says that demand for the homes at Roseacre Gardens has been unprecedented.

Jones Homes' John Roocroft with Rufford cricket players (left to right) Fyffe Dennis, David Blundell and Emily Sutton.

Jones Homes' Regional Director, John Roocroft, said: "We are delighted to support Rufford Cricket Club. We very much value the importance of community spirit and so it is a pleasure to be involved with such a highly regarded club.

"With Roseacre Gardens providing the first new build homes in Rufford for many, many years, it is no surprise that the development has proved popular with local buyers and those from further afield wanting to move to the village.

"The exceptionally high specification that we have applied to these homes has undoubtedly attributed to its success."

Prices at Roseacre Gardens start from £419,500, which is for The Holly, a four bedroom dormer bungalow with single garage, or £335,600 with Help to Buy.

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Joey The War Horse at the Southport Flower Show

Joey visits show ahead of play's run at Liverpool Empire

WITH rehearsals underway for the 2017-2019 UK Tour of the National Theatre's acclaimed production of War Horse, Joey the War Horse visited Southport Flower Show on Thursday, August 17.

Joey joined TV personalities John Craven and Charlie Dimmock who opened the 2017 Southport Flower Show. The popular broadcasters formally declared the start of the four-day seaside event.

War Horse will be at the Liverpool Empire Theatre from November 15 – December 2.

Thomas Dennis, fresh from playing Christopher Boone in the National Theatre's West End production of The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time plays the central role of Albert Narracott with fellow Curious cast member Jo Castleton as his mother Rose Narracott. Celebrated folk musician, Bob Fox, is returning as Song Man.

War Horse, which has been seen by over seven million people worldwide, completed its record-breaking eight year London run at the New London Theatre on March 12 2016. It has won 25 awards including the Tony Award for Best Play on Broadway.

Directed by Marianne Elliott and Tom Morris, Nick Stafford's adaptation of Michael Morpurgo's remarkable story of courage, loyalty and friendship, about a young boy called Albert and his horse Joey, set against the backdrop of the First World War is the most successful play in the National Theatre's history. It features groundbreaking puppetry work by South Africa's Handspring Puppet Company, which brings breathing, galloping horses to life on stage.

War Horse received its world premiere on October 9 2007 at the National Theatre, where it played for two seasons before opening at the New London Theatre in March 2009. Since then,War Horse has been seen in 97 cities in 10 countries, including productions on Broadway, in Toronto and Berlin, with touring productions in the UK and Ireland, North America, the Netherlands, Belgium and China.

Michael Morpurgo said: "After a few months rest, out at pasture, Joey, the War Horse and his great team from the National Theatre, will be touring the UK again, from 2017 through to 2019 and the centenary of the end of the First World War, taking their show all over the country, to towns and cities, many of them places War Horse has not been seen before.

"I am so pleased this is happening; that so many more people will have the chance to enjoy this unique theatrical event.

The tour of War Horse coincides with the Centenary commemorations of the end of the First World War and follows the production's sold-out tour of the UK and Ireland in 2013-2014.

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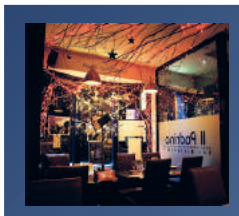

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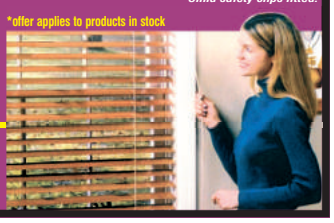

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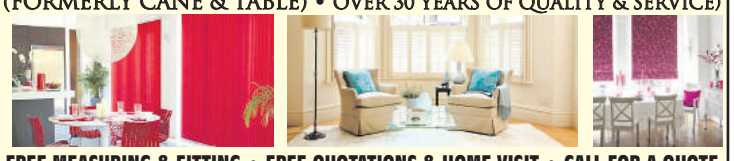

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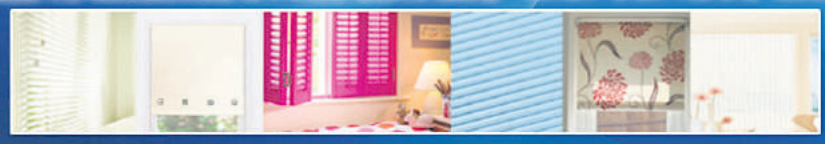

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BIRKETT ALAN GEORGE

Val and family would like to thank relatives, friends and neighbours for their kindness, sympathy cards and donations to Queenscourt Hospice received following their sad loss. Heartfelt thanks to the staff on ward 15a at Southport Hospital, Queenscourt Hospice and District & Palliative nurses. Also Doctors McClelland and Stevens at Ainsdale Village Surgery.
We would like to show our appreciation and thanks to Rev Sonya Marshall who gave us a beautiful service. With thanks also to Howard's Funeral Directors for their dignified funeral arrangements.

KENNEDY HANNAH

The family of the late Hannah Kennedy would like to express their heartfelt thanks to all relatives, friends and neighbours, for all the messages of condolence, sympathy cards and donations to the British Heart Foundation. Also special thanks to everyone who attended the Funeral Service, Rev. Michael Smout for his kind words of comfort, and the team at MLS Independent Funeral Directors for the very dignified Funeral arrangements.

HORROCKS FLORENCE MAY

John and Barbara would like to thank all their friends and neighbours for their support during this sad time. Also for the donations to High Wray Residential Home. Thanks also to Rev. Michael Smout for his comforting words. Special thanks to Lisa and all her team at MLS for the caring and very dignified Funeral Arrangements.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

HAWKINS PAULINE

The family of the late Pauline Hawkins would like to thank relatives, friends and neighbours for all the messages of condolence, sympathy cards and donations to the Alzheimers's Society received during their recent sad loss. Thanks also to Rev. Martin Abrams for the lovely service, Jonathan Taylor for playing a beautiful rendition of 'Time to Say Goodbye' and to M Rushton Funeral Directors for their professionalism and understanding in making the funeral arrangements. Special thanks also to Avalon EMI/DE Care Home for their kindness and care of Pauline and their continuing care of Jimmy and support to the family.

DEATHS

HALL PETER
Passed away on 17th August 2017 at Queenscourt Hospice

Will be sadly missed by loving Wife Barbara and Sons Ian, Chris and Andrew.
Daughters-In-Law Lisa, Rachel and Sophie, much loved Grandchildren Charlotte, Liam, Olivia and Erin.
Funeral Service on Friday 1st September at St Peters Church Formby at 11.00am followed by Cremation at Southport Crematorium at 12.00 noon. No flowers please, donations to Queenscourt Hospice. Colourful dress code to celebrate Pete's life. Further enquiries to Coyne Bros Funeral Directors, 3 Old Mill Lane, Formby, L37 3PE.

DEATHS

WARHAM VIRGINIA
12th August 2017
Suddenly in Harrogate, aged 73 years

Dearly beloved Wife of Gordon. Much loved Mum of Meryl, Glynis and special Niece Tracy. Dear Mother in law of Alan and Danny. Devoted Grandma of Suzanne, Sebastian, Alex, Andrew, Owen, Tia and Virginia. Virginia will be sadly missed by all her family and friends and all who knew her. Funeral Service and Committal will take place at West Lancashire Crematorium, Burscough on Thursday 24th August 2017 at 3.15pm. Family flowers only by request but the family are gratefully receiving donations for Queenscourt Hospice. Further enquiries to Co-operative Funeralcare, 22c Wigan Road, Ormskirk L39 2AU. Tel: 01695 577244.

KEITH ANDREW
15th August 2017
Passed away suddenly aged 55 years of Haskayne

Dearly loved Husband of Kathryn, beloved Brother of Susan and Graham. Andrew, you will be greatly missed by your family, friends and animals, and will always love you. Funeral service at Our Lady's Church, Lydiate on Friday 25th August at 11.00am, followed by Committal at West Lancashire Crematorium, Burscough. Family flowers only please, donations if so desired for Liverpool Heart and Chest Hospital. Donations and further enquiries please to Sally Hunter MLS Independent Funeral Directors, 20 Moss Delph Lane, Aughton, Ormskirk. Tel: 01695 424888

APPLETON PATSY ANNE

Proud to be your Brother. Love you forever.
Phil and Max
xx

DEATHS

PEPPER WENDY
Suddenly 15th August 2017
Aged 76 years

Dearly loved Wife of Ken. Much loved Mum of Alan. Wendy will be sadly missed by all her family and friends. Funeral Service and Committal will take place at West Lancashire Crematorium on Wednesday 30th August 2017 at 2.30pm. Family flowers only by request please but the family are gratefully receiving donations for Rossendale and Pendle Mountain Rescue. Further enquiries please to Cookson Tyrer Funeral Directors, 2 Smithy Walk, Burscough, Lancashire L40 5UU Tel: 01704 897770

LAWRENSON IAN WALKER
6th August 2017
Aged 77 years
of Ormskirk & Burscough

Loving Husband of Hazel, dearly loved Dad of Jacqueline and Tracy, and a much loved Grandad of Thomas, Jack, Anna and Ben. Hazel, Jacqueline and Tracy would like to thank all relatives, friends and neighbours for the many messages of condolence.

SPEAKMAN ANTHONY (Tony)
On 15th August 2017
Peacefully in Hospital
Aged 70 years

Loving Husband of Averil and a dear friend to many, will be sadly missed by all family and friends.
Funeral service will take place at West Lancashire Crematorium on Friday 25th August at 10:45am, family flowers only please by request, donations if desired for the British Heart Foundation, all enquiries Margaret Whitelam Skelmersdale Funeral Service 29/31 Sandy Lane Tel: 01695 559868

DEATHS

DUTTON KEN
16th August 2017
Peacefully in Hospital
Aged 90 Years

Beloved Husband of the Late Edna. Loved Dad of Julie and Gill. Father in Law of Steve. Dear Grandy of Andrew and Adam. Service and Cremation at West Lancashire Crematorium, Pippin Street, Burscough L40 7SP on Friday 25th August at 1pm. Family flowers only please but donations if desired for Pancreatic Cancer UK c/o Graham J Clegg Funeral Service 7 Dover Road Maghull L31 5JB. Tel 0151 520 3330

SIMPSON DOREEN RUTH
17th August 2017
Aged 78 years

Much loved Mum of Mark and Gary. Mother-In-Law of Julie, loving Grandma to Lee, Rachel and Sean and her Great-Grandchildren. Beloved Auntie of Elaine and Adam, Great-Auntie to Connie and Oliver. She will be greatly missed by all her family and friends.
Service at Southport Crematorium on Wednesday 30th August at 2:40pm. Donations are being gratefully received in lieu of flowers for Alzheimer's Society. Donations and enquiries to Howard's Funeral Directors, 1-5 Roe Lane, Southport, PR9 9DR. Telephone: 01704 500086.

LLOYD DORIS MARY
17th August 2017
Aged 79 years

Devoted Wife of Geoff, much loved Mum of Lynda, cherished Nana of Rachael and Great-Grandma of Sophie. Doris will be greatly missed by all her family and friends.
Service at Southport Crematorium on Friday 25th August at 12:40pm. The Family have requested that bright clothing is to be worn for the funeral. Family flowers only please but if desired donations are being gratefully received for RSPB. Donations and enquiries to Howard's Funeral Directors, 1-5 Roe Lane, Southport, PR9 9DR. Telephone: 01704 500086.

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DEATHS

LEYLAND MURIEL (Nee Maude)

10th August 2017

Aged 89 Years

Wife of Tom (deceased), beloved Aunt to all of her Nieces and Nephews and Best Friend to Vera's family. Family flowers only but donations, if desired, for Alzheimer's Society. Funeral service at St Giles Church, Old Roan on Thursday 24th August at 12.15pm, followed by committal at Thornton Crematorium. All enquiries to Hunters of Ormskirk, 128b Burscough Street, Ormskirk L39 2EY. Tel 01695 572997

POLLARD DAVID ALFRED

On 18th August 2017

Peacefuly in Hospital

Aged 85 years

Beloved Husband of Ethel, Loving Dad of Tony and Susan, dear Father-In-Law of Debbie and Steve, much loved Grandad of Jenny, Paul and Emma, and will be sadly missed by Linda and Richard and all his family and friends. Funeral service and Committal will take place at Southport Crematorium on Wednesday 30th August at 2:00pm. No flowers by request but donations if so desired for Queenscourt Hospice. Donations and further enquiries please to M Rushton Funeral Directors, 100 Marshside Road Southport PR9 9TG Tel: 01704 214118

HARRISON EVA

17th August 2017

Peacefully in hospital

Aged 85 years

of Skelmersdale

The dearly loved Wife of the late James, loving Mum of Susan, Denise, Lesley and Neil, a dear Mother in law and devoted Nan to all her Grand and Great Grandchildren. Funeral Service at St Paul's Church on Friday 1st September 2017 at 10.30am followed by interment at Liverpool Road Cemetery. Floral tributes welcome. All enquiries to Melanie Hardman at H Hardman & Co., Independent Family Funeral Directors of Skelmersdale, Ormskirk & Scarisbrick. Tel:- 01695 722122 / 720012.

DEATHS

HALEWOOD JOHN NORMAN

August 11th 2017

Peacefully in Hospital

Aged 84 years

Beloved Husband of Rosalie. Much loved Dad of David, Christopher and Philip. Dear Grandad and Step-Grandad, Brother of Vernon and Margaret. John will be sadly missed by all his family and friends. Funeral Service at St Lukes Church, Crosby on Wednesday August 30th 2017 at 1.30pm followed by Interment in St Lukes grave yard. Family flowers only please but if desired donations to the RNLI c/o H.Leslie Humphreys 69 Liverpool Road, Crosby, L23 5SE Tel:0151 924 4805

LAVELLE BETH

August 12th 2017

After a long illness

Aged 35 years

Much loved Daughter of Joan and Jim. Loving Sister of Ray, Marie and Helen. Beth will be sadly missed by all her family and friends. Funeral Mass at St Peter & Pauls Church, Crosby on Friday 1st September 2017 at 1.30pm followed by cremation at Thornton Crematorium NO flowers please but donations if desired to Beat or St Joseph's Hospice c/o H.Leslie Humphreys 69 Liverpool Road, Crosby, L23 5SE Tel: 0151 924 4805

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IN MEMORIAM

MOON JOHN STUART

Passed away 2 years ago

27th August 2015

A beautiful memory, dearer than gold, of a Husband whose worth, can never be told. There's a place in my heart no one can fill, I miss you John, and always will.
Loved and Remembered Always
Jean xxx

Everyday in some small way, we miss you more than words can say, in our hearts you will always stay, loved and remembered everyday.
Loved and missed so much.
Daughter Deborah, Grandchildren Jasmine and Elliot xxx

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PRAYERS

HOLY SPIRIT

You, who make me see everything and show me the way to reach my ideals. You, who gave the Divine Gift to forgive and forget all that is done to me. I, in this short dialogue, want to thank You for everything and affirm once more that I never want to be separated from You no matter how great the material desires may be. I want to be with You and my loved ones in their perpetual glory. To that end, and submitting to God's Holy Will, I ask You *(mention your request).*

This prayer must be said for three consecutive days. After the third day the request will be granted no matter how difficult it may be. Promise to publish the entire dialogue as a condition of having your request granted.

W.J.L.

PRAYER TO THE BLESSED VIRGIN

Never known to fail.

O most beautiful flower of Mount Carmel, faithful Mother of the Son of God, Immaculate Virgin, assist me in this necessity, O Star of the Sea, help me and show me herein you are my Mother, O Holy Mary Mother of God, Queen of Heaven and Earth, I humbly beseech you from the bottom of my heart to succour me in my necessity.

(Make Request).

There are none that can withstand your powers. Mary, conceived without sin, pray for us who have recourse to thee (3 Times).

Sweet Mother, I place this cause in your hands (3 times).

Thank you for your mercy towards me and mine.

This prayer must be said for three days and after that the request will be granted and the prayer must be published.

W.J.L.

PRAYER TO ST JUDE

May the most Sacred Heart of Jesus be adored and loved in the tabernacles until the end of time, Amen. May the most Sacred Heart of Jesus be praised and glorified now and forever, Amen. St. Jude pray for us and hear our prayers, Amen.

Blessed be the Sacred Heart of Jesus, Blessed be the immaculate heart of Mary, Blessed be St. Jude Thabbeus, in all the world and for all eternity. Say this prayer followed by the Our Father and the Hail Mary, say for nine days. Prayers will be answered and the prayer must be published.

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TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING (GENERAL PERMITTED DEVELOPMENT) ORDER 1995 TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING (GENERAL PERMITTED DEVELOPMENT) (AMENDMENT) (ENGLAND) ORDER 2010 NOTICE PURSUANT TO ARTICLE 5(1) OF THE MAKING OF AN ARTICLE 4 DIRECTION

Sefton Council made an Article 4 (1) Direction on Monday 14th August 2017 under Article 4(1) of the Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) Order 1995, as amended. The Direction relates to development comprising change of use from a use falling within Class C3 (dwellinghouses) of the Town and Country Planning (Use Classes) Order 1987 (as amended) to a use falling within Class C4 (houses in multiple occupation) of that Order, and removes permitted development rights for this type of development from the date when the Direction comes into force. Planning permission will therefore be required for change of use from Class C3 to Class C4 once the Article 4 Direction is in force.

The Article 4 Direction applies to the parts of Sefton, including parts of Bootle, Seaforth, Litherland, Waterloo and Central Southport. A copy of the Direction, including a map defining the areas covered, can be viewed at the Council's Planning Department, Ground Floor, Magdalen House, Trinity Road, Bootle L20 3NJ; at each of Sefton's libraries; or can be viewed on the Council's website at www.sefton.gov.uk/article4HMO

Representations may be made concerning the Article 4 Direction between Monday 14th August 2017 and Friday 24th November 2017. If you wish to make representations you may do so by email to local.plan@sefton.gov.uk or by post to Local Plan Team, Planning Department, Sefton Council, Magdalen House, 30 Trinity Road, Bootle L20 3NJ.

Any representations must be made by 5pm on Friday 24th November 2017

The Article 4 Direction, will come into force, subject to confirmation by the Council, on Wednesday 15th August 2018.

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THE LANCASHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL
(WEST LANCASHIRE SUMMER TRIATHLON EVENT, WESTHEAD, LATHOM, WEST LANCASHIRE BOROUGH)
(TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF THROUGH TRAFFIC) ORDER 2017

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Lancashire County Council ("The County Council") have made an Order under **Section 16A** of the **Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984**, as amended, the effect of which will be to temporarily prohibit any motor vehicle or cycle (apart from those participating in the event) from proceeding over the following lengths of highway, in the Borough of West Lancashire, as set out below;

i. School Lane, from its junction with Vicarage Lane to its junction with Whiteley's Lane,
ii. Ruff Lane, from its junction with Vicarage Lane to its junction with Scarth Hill Lane,
iii. Whiteley's Lane from its junction with Scarth Hill Lane to its junction with A577 Wigan Road (Lathom),
iv. Vicarage Lane in a North East and Easterly direction from its junction with Ruff Lane to its junction with School Lane,
v. Ruff Lane in a South Easterly direction from its junction with Beech Meadow to its junction with Vicarage Lane

An alternative route for vehicular traffic affected by the closures is as follows;
i. Ruff Lane - A570 Knowsley Road - A577 Wigan Road - A577 Cross Hall Brow - A577 Wigan Road and vice versa
ii. Ruff Lane - A570 Knowsley Road - A577 Wigan Road - A577 Cross Hall Brow - School Lane - Vicarage Lane
iii. A577 Wigan Road - A577 Cross Hall Brow - A577 Wigan Road A570 St Helens Road - Scarth Hill Lane and vice versa

Pedestrian access will be maintained at all times, vehicular access will be maintained whenever and wherever possible.

The Police, Fire and Ambulance Services have been informed.

The temporary prohibition is necessary to enable the safe holding of the West Lancashire Summer Triathlon event 2017.

The prohibitions will be operative from, 0700 hours until 1230 hours on Sunday 27th August 2017, or sooner if the event finishes earlier

Michael White, Network Regulation Manager
Lancashire Highway Services, 0300 123 6701

[Ref: HRiT/8149/WH]

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THE LANCASHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL
(MOTORFEST VEHICLE PARADE EVENT, ORMSKIRK, WEST LANCASHIRE)
(TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF THROUGH TRAFFIC) (TEMPORARY SUSPENSION OF ONE-WAY TRAFFIC) ORDER 2017

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Lancashire County Council ("The County Council") have made an Order under **Section 16A** of the **Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984**, as amended, the effect of which will be to temporarily prohibit any motor vehicle or cycle (apart from those participating in the parade) from proceeding over the full lengths of road, unless otherwise stated, in Ormskirk, in the Borough of West Lancashire, the details of which are set out in the Schedule to this Order.

Alternative routes for vehicular traffic affected by the closure will be:
i) A570 Liverpool Road (Bickerstaffe) - A506 Liverpool Road (Bickerstaffe) - Long Lane (Bickerstaffe) - Long Lane (Aughton) - B5197 Prescot Road - B5197 St Annes Road - A59 Holburn Hill - A59 County Road and vice versa.
ii) A570 Ormskirk Road (Bickerstaffe) - A570 St Helens Road - A570 Knowsley Road - A577 Wigan Road and vice versa.

Pedestrian access to properties will be available at all times. Vehicular access to properties will be restricted.

The Police, Fire and Ambulance Services have been informed.

The temporary prohibition is necessary to allow the holding of the "Motorfest" Vehicle Parade event.

The prohibition will be operative from 1430 hours until 1700 hours on Sunday 27th August 2017, or sooner if the event finishes earlier

AND FURTHER, the existing one-way traffic restrictions on Moorgate, Ormskirk, will be temporarily suspended for the duration of the event.

Michael White, Network Regulation Manager
Lancashire Highway Services, 0300 123 6701

[Ref: HRiT/8625/WH]

Schedule of Temporary Road Closures
Motorfest Vehicle Parade Event, Ormskirk 2017
A570 Derby Street West; from its junction with A570 Southport Road to its junction with B5319 Burscough Street. A570 Derby Street; from its junction with B5319 Burscough Street to its junction with A570 Stanley Street. A570 Stanley Street; from its junction with A570 Derby Street to its junction with A577 Moor Street/Wigan Road. A577 Moor Street; from its junction with A577 Wigan Road to its junction with A577 St Helens Road. A577 St Helens Road; from its junction with A577 Moor Street to its junction with A570 Park Road. A570 Park Road; from its junction with A577 St Helens Road to its junction with A570 Church Street. A577 Moor Street; from its junction with A577 St Helens Road to its junction with Railway Road (0900-1700).

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LANCASHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL
(SANDY LANE AND WITHAM ROAD, SKELMERSDALE, WEST LANCASHIRE BOROUGH)
(TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF THROUGH TRAFFIC) ORDER 2017

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Lancashire County Council have made an Order under **Section 14(1) (a) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984**, as amended, the effect of which will be to temporarily prohibit traffic on the roads set out in this notice.

1. No person shall cause any motor vehicle to proceed over that length of Sandy Lane and Witham Road, Skelmersdale from Clayton Street to a point outside property number 12 Witham Road.

2. The prohibition will be operative from 0600 hours on 28/08/2017 until 0800 hours on 15/09/2017 or until completion of the works within this period.

3. An alternative route for vehicular traffic affected by the closure is via:- No Diversion route required - Pedestrian access for residents will be maintained.

The temporary prohibition is necessary to allow carriageway resurfacing works to be carried out.

Authority given for this Order to be made:
Michael White, Network Regulation Manager
Lancashire Highway Services, 0300 123 6701

[Ref: HRiT/7907/WH]

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LANCASHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL
(BLAKEHALL, SKELMERSDALE, WEST LANCASHIRE BOROUGH)
(TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF THROUGH TRAFFIC) ORDER 2017

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Lancashire County Council intend to make an Order under **Section 14(1) (a) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984**, as amended, the effect of which will be to temporarily prohibit traffic on the roads set out in this notice.

1. No person shall cause any motor vehicle to proceed over that length of Blakehall, Skelmersdale from outside property number 282 Martins Road to outside property no 156 Martins Road and to include 2 cul de sacs.

2. The prohibition will be operative from 0600 hours on 04/09/2017 until 1800 hours on 22/09/2017 or until completion of the works within this period.

3. An alternative route for vehicular traffic affected by the closure is via:- No diversion is required

The temporary prohibition is necessary to allow carriageway resurfacing works to be carried out.

Authority given for this Order to be made:
Michael White, Network Regulation Manager
Lancashire Highway Services, 0300 123 6701

[Ref: HRiT/7920/WH]

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LANCASHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL
(FLORDON, SKELMERSDALE, WEST LANCASHIRE BOROUGH)
(TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF THROUGH TRAFFIC) ORDER 2017

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Lancashire County Council intend to make an Order under **Section 14(1) (a) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984**, as amended, the effect of which will be to temporarily prohibit traffic on the roads set out in this notice.

1. No person shall cause any motor vehicle to proceed over that length of Flordon, Skelmersdale from Birchgreen Road to Outside property numbers 48 and 77.

2. The prohibition will be operative from 0600 hours on 04/09/2017 until 1800 hours on 29/09/2017 or until completion of the works within this period.

3. An alternative route for vehicular traffic affected by the closure is via:- No Diversion route available.

The temporary prohibition is necessary to allow carriageway resurfacing works to be carried out.

Authority given for this Order to be made:
Michael White, Network Regulation Manager
Lancashire Highway Services, 0300 123 6701

[Ref: HRiT/7919/WH]

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NOTICE OF PROPOSAL
ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984
LANCASHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL (VARIOUS ROAD, CHORLEY, FYLDE, PENDLE, ROSSENDALE, SOUTH RIBBLE, WEST LANCASHIRE AND WYRE BOROUGHS) (REVOCATIONS AND VARIOUS PARKING RESTRICTIONS (JUNE NO1)) ORDER 201*

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Lancashire County Council propose to make the above Traffic Regulation Order under Sections 1, 2 and 4 of and Part IV of Schedule 9 the **Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984**, as amended, the effect of which will be to:

1. Revoke:

a. The "Lancashire County Council (South Ribble Area) (On Street Parking Places, Prohibition And Restriction Of Waiting) Consolidation Order 2009" insofar as it relates to Item (4) of Schedule 2.01;

b. The "Lancashire County Council (Hough Lane, Leyland, South Ribble Borough) (Revocation Of Limited Waiting, Taxi Rank And Limited Waiting) Order 2012" insofar as it relates to Schedule 3;

c. The "Lancashire County Council (Rossendale Area) (On Street Parking Places, Prohibition And Restriction Of Waiting) Consolidation Order 2009" insofar as it relates to:
i. Items (2) and (14) of Schedule 2.01;
ii. Item (19) of Schedule 10.01;
iii. Item (11) of Schedule 11.007;
iv. Item (1) of Schedule 11.047;
v. Items (7)b)(vi), (7)b)(ix), (43)b) and (51)b) of Schedule 11.075;
vi. Items (1)a), (1)b)(i) and (1)b)(ii) of Schedule 11.078.

d. The "Lancashire County Council (Pilling Street, Haslingden, Rossendale Borough) (Disabled Parking Place) Order 2010" in full;

e. The "Lancashire County Council (Various Roads (Various Locations), Rossendale Borough) (Part Revocation, Disabled Parking Place, Prohibition And Restriction Of Waiting) Order 2012" insofar as it relates to Item 2 of Schedule 8;

f. The "Lancashire County Council (Bacup Road, Haslingden Road, Market Street, Peel Street And Rawsthorne Avenue, Edenfield, Rawtenstall And Whitworth, Rossendale Borough) (Part Revocation, Prohibition Of Waiting, Prohibition Of Stopping On School Keep Clear Markings And Disabled Parking Place) Order 2014" insofar as it relates to Schedule 3;

g. The "Lancashire County Council (11 Edward Street,Haslingden, Rossendale Borough) (Disabled Parking Place) Order 2008" in full;

h. The "Lancashire County Council (Fylde Area) (On Street Parking Places, Prohibition And Restriction Of Waiting) Consolidation Order 2009" insofar as it relates to Item (235)b) of Schedule 10.01;

i. The "Lancashire County Council (Orchard Road, Park Road, St Andrew's Road South, St David's Road South, St George's Road, The Crescent And Wood Street, St Annes, Fylde Borough) (Revocation, Prohibition Of Waiting And Limited Waiting) Order 2017" insofar as it relates to:
i. Schedule 4;
ii. Item a) of Schedule 5;
iii. Items a), b), c), d), e), f), g), h), and j) of Schedule 3.

j. The "Lancashire County Council (Wyre Area) (On Street Parking Places, Prohibition And Restriction Of Waiting) Consolidation Order 2009" insofar as it relates to Items (176)a)(i), (176)a)(ii) and (176)b) of Schedule 10.01;

k. The "Lancashire County Council (Argyle Road, Garstang Road East, Moorland, Moorway, The Spinney, Poulton Le Fylde, Wyre Borough (Prohibition Of Waiting) Order 2015" insofar as it relates to Item 5) of the Schedule;

l. The "Lancashire County Council (Pendle Area) (On Street Parking Places, Prohibition And Restriction Of Waiting) Consolidation Order 2009" insofar as it relates to:
i. Items (17)(ii) and (259) of Schedule 10.01;
ii. Item (3) of Schedule 12.053;
iii. Item (5) of Schedule 12.084;
iv. Item (1) of Schedule 14.30.

m. The "Lancashire County Council (Hesketh Lane, Tarleton, West Lancashire District) (Restriction of Waiting) Order 2009" insofar as it relates to Item i) from the Schedule;

n. The "Lancashire County Council (West Lancs Area) (On Street Parking Places, Prohibition And Restriction Of Waiting) Consolidation Order 2009" insofar as it relates to Item 1)(ii) of Schedule 11.040;

o. The "Lancashire County Council (Chorley Area) (On Street Parking Places, Prohibition And Restriction Of Waiting) Consolidation Order 2009" insofar as it relates to Item (68)b) of Schedule 10.01.

2. Introduce a disabled parking space in Hough Lane, Leyland, the southeast side, from a point 52 metres east of the centreline of Meadow Street for a distance of 6.6 metres in an easterly direction.

3. Introduce a taxi stand in Hough Lane, Leyland, the south east side, from a point 34.5 metres east of the centreline of Meadow Street for a distance of 17.5 metres in an easterly direction.

4. Introduce a prohibition of waiting in the following lengths of road:

a. Brierley Road, Walton Summit, both sides, from a point 15 metres south east of the centreline of Newfield Road in a north westerly direction to a point 55 metres north west of the centreline of Walton Summit Road;

b. Dorothy Avenue, Leyland, the north side, from a point 55.5 metres south of the centreline of Hough Lane (measured along the eastern kerbline) for a distance of 10 metres in an easterly direction;

c. Dorothy Avenue, Leyland, the south side, from a point 69 metres south of the centreline of Hough Lane (measured along the western kerbline) for a distance of 4.5 metres in an easterly direction;

d. Dorothy Avenue, Leyland, the west side, from a point 28 metres south of the centreline of Hough Lane for a distance of 40.5 metres on a southerly direction;

e. Walton Summit Road, Walton Summit, both sides, from the centreline of Brierley Road for a distance of 42 metres in a south westerly direction;

f. Walton Summit Road, Walton Summit, the north west side, from the centreline of Brierley Road for a distance of 180 metres in a north easterly direction;

g. Walton Summit Road, Walton Summit, the south east side, from a point 65 metres south west of the centreline of Brierley Road for a distance of 35 metres in a south westerly direction;

h. Walton Summit Road, Walton Summit, the south east side from a point 144 metres south west of the centreline of Brierley Road for a distance of 35 metres in a south westerly direction;

i. Walton Summit Road, Walton Summit, the south east side from the centreline of Brierley Road for a distance of 42 metres in a north easterly direction;

j. Walton Summit Road, Walton Summit, the south east side from a point 97 metres north east of the centreline of Brierley Road for a distance of 45 metres in a north easterly direction;

k. Bacup Road, Rawtenstall, the north side, from the centreline of Bury Road to the centreline of James Street;

l. Bacup Road, Rawtenstall, the south side, from the centreline of Bury Road to the centreline of Markross Street;

m. Booth Street, Rawtenstall, the north side, from the centreline of Burnley Road East for a distance of 26 metres in an easterly direction;

n. Booth Street, Rawtenstall, the south side, from the centreline of Burnley Road East for a distance of 16 metres in an easterly direction;

o. Highfield Street, Haslingden, both sides, from the centreline of Grane Road for a distance of 10 metres in a south easterly direction;

p. Longholme Road, Rawtenstall, the west side, from the centreline of Bacup Road for a distance of 15 metres in a southerly direction;

q. St Andrews Road South, St Annes, the north east side, from the centreline of The Crescent for a distance of 10.5 metres in a south easterly direction;

r. The Crescent, St Annes, the south east side, from a point 7 metres south west of the centreline of St Andrews Road South to a point 11 metres north east of the centreline of St Andrews Road South;

s. Moorland Road, Poulton-le-Fylde, the north east side, from a point 14 metres north east of the centreline of Sheringham Way to a point 18 metres north west of the centreline of Moorway;

t. Moorland Road, Poulton-le-Fylde, the south west side, from a point 14 metres north west of the centreline of Sheringham Way to a point 140 metres south east of the centreline of Moorway;

u. Craddock Road, Colne, the south side, from the centreline of St John Street for a distance of 12 metres in a westerly direction;

v. Craddock Road, Colne, the south side, from a point 46 metres west of the centreline of St John Street for a distance of 11 metres in a westerly direction;

w. Pendle Street, Nelson, both sides, from New Scotland Road to Scotland Road;

x. Scotland Road, Nelson, the east side, from a point 3 metres south of the centreline of Russell Street to a point 5 metres south of the centreline of Forest Street;

y. Glebe Road, Skelmersdale, the north side, from a point 262 metres north west of the centreline of Greetby Place, measured along the centreline, in a northerly direction to its western extremity including the turning head;

z. Glebe Road, Skelmersdale, the south side, from a point 27 metres east of the centreline of Grimrod Place in a north westerly direction to its western extremity including the turning head;

aa. Grammar School Gardens, Ormskirk, the south side, from a point 20 metres east of the centreline of Mill Street (including the turning head) to a point on the north side 117 metres from the centreline of Mill Street;

bb. Grimrod Place, Skelmersdale, the east side, from the centreline of Glebe Road in a southerly direction to a point 212 metres north of the centreline of Gillibrands Road;

cc. Grimrod Place, Skelmersdale, the west and south west side, from the centreline of Gillibrands Road in a general northerly then north westerly direction to Glebe Road;

dd. Merchant Road, Ormskirk, the north and west side, from the centreline of Pinfold Road in an easterly then northerly direction to its junction with Warpers Way;

ee. Merchant Road, Ormskirk, the south side, from the centreline of Pinfold Road for a distance of 13 metres in an easterly direction;

ff. Merchant Road, Ormskirk, the south and west side, from a point 78.5 metres east of the centreline of Pinfold Road in an easterly then southerly direction to a point 18 metres north of the centreline of Mulberry Close;

gg. Pinfold Road, Ormskirk, the east side, from the centreline of Wigan Road (A577) in a southerly direction to a point 42 metres south of the centreline of Merchant Road;

hh. Pinfold Road, Ormskirk, the west side, from the centreline of Wigan Road (A577) for a distance of 64.5 meters in a southerly direction;

ii. Pinfold Road, Ormskirk, the west side, from a point 10 metres north of the centreline of Merchant Road in a southerly direction to a point 10 metres south of the centreline of Merchant Road;

jj. Bolton Road, Anderton, the south west side, from the centreline of Railway Road (B6227) for a distance of 63 metres in a south easterly direction;

kk. Chorley Road, Adlington, the south west side, from a point 37 metres north west of the centreline of Railway Road (B6227) for a distance of 21 metres in a north westerly direction.

5. Introduce a restriction of waiting, from Monday to Friday between 8am and 6pm, in the following lengths of road:

a. Hesketh Lane, Tarleton, the east side, from a point 124 metres north of the centreline of Spencers Drive to a point 33 metres north of the centreline of Nursery Drive;

b. Hesketh Lane, Tarleton, the west side, from a point 20 metres north of the centreline of Nursery Drive for a distance of 118 metres in a northerly direction.

6. Introduce a restriction of waiting, from Monday to Saturday between 8am and 6pm in the following lengths of road:

a. Bacup Road, Rawtenstall, the north side, from the centreline of James Street in an easterly direction to a point 84 metres east of the centreline of Kay Street;

b. Bury Road, Rawtenstall, the south side, from the centreline of Cherry Tree Lane in an easterly direction to a point opposite the centreline of Andrew Avenue;

c. Longholme Road, Rawtenstall, the west side, from a point 15 metres south of the centreline of Bacup Road for a distance of 34 metres in a southerly direction;

d. New Line, Bacup, the north side, from the centreline of Newchurch Road for a distance of 110 metres in an easterly direction;

e. New Line, Bacup, the south side, from the centreline of Newchurch Road to a point 25 metres west of the centreline of Stubbylee Lane;

f. Newchurch Road, Stacksteads, the north side, from the centreline of Queen's Terrace for a distance of 138 metres in an easterly direction.

7. Introduce limited waiting, for 1 hour with no return within 1 hour, Monday to Saturday between 8am and 6pm, in St Davids Road South, St Annes, the north east side, from a point 18 metres north west of the centreline of St Albans Road for a distance of 50 metres in a north westerly direction.

8. Introduce limited waiting, for 1 hour with no return within 2 hours, from Monday to Saturday between 7am and 7pm, in Craddock Road, Colne, the south side, from a point 12 metres west of the centreline of St John Street for a distance of 34 metres in a westerly direction.

9. Introduce limited waiting, for 90 minutes with no return within 2 hours, Monday to Saturday between 8am and 6pm in the following lengths of road:

a. Orchard Road, St Annes, the north east side, from a point 29 metres south east of the centreline of St Anne's Road West for a distance of 22 metres in a south easterly direction;

b. Orchard Road, St Annes, the north east side, from a point 17 meters north west of the centreline of Wood Street for a distance of 40 metres in a north westerly direction;

c. Orchard Road, St Annes, the south west side, from a point 29 metres south east of the centreline of St Anne's Road West for a distance of 22 metres in a south easterly direction;

d. Orchard Road, St Annes, the south west side, from a point 17 metres north west of the centreline of Wood Street for a distance of 40 metres in a north westerly direction;

e. Park Road, St Annes, the north east side, from a point 20 metres north west of the centreline of Wood Street for a distance of 33 metres in a north westerly direction;

f. Park Road, St Annes, the north east side, from a point 8 metres north west of the centreline of Back West Crescent for a distance of 29 metres in a north westerly direction;

g. Park Road, St Annes, the south east side, from a point 20 metres north west of the centreline of Wood Street for a distance of 37 metres in a north westerly direction;

h. Park Road, St Annes, the south west side, from a point 73 metres north west of the centreline of Wood Street for a distance of 21 metres in a north westerly direction;

i. St Andrews Road South, St Annes, the north east side, from a point 10.5 metres south east of the centreline of The Crescent for a distance of 177 metres in a south easterly direction.

10. Introduce limited waiting, for 90 minutes, no return within 2 hours, Monday to Saturday between 9am and 6pm, in Wood Street, St Annes, the north west side, from a point 11 metres south west of the centreline of St Andrews Road South to a point 11 metres north east of the centreline of Park Road.

11. Introduce a prohibition of loading/unloading in Schofield Street, Waterfoot, Rawtenstall, the south side, from a point 4.2 metres west of its junction with the centreline of Burnley Road East for a distance of 16.5 metres in a westerly direction.

A copy of the draft Order and associated documents for proposing to make the Order may be inspected during normal office hours at the offices of South Ribble Borough Council, Civic Centre, West Paddock, Leyland, PR25 1DH, at the offices of Rossendale Borough Council, The Business Centre, Futures Park, Newchurch Road, Bacup, OL13 0BB, at the offices of Fylde Borough Council, Town Hall, Lytham St Annes, FY8 1LW, at the offices of Wyre Borough Council, Civic Centre, Breck Road, Poulton-le-Fylde, FY6 7PU, at the offices of Pendle Borough Council, No1 Market Street, Nelson, Lancs, BB9 9LU, at the offices of West Lancashire Borough Council, PO Box 16, 52 Derby Street, Ormskirk, L39 2DF, at the offices of Chorley Borough Council, Town Hall, Chorley, PR7 1DP, at the offices of The Director of Governance Finance & Public Services, Lancashire County Council, Christ Church Precinct, County Hall, Preston PR1 8XJ, and on Lancashire County Councils Website http://www.lancashire.gov.uk/roads-parking-and-travel/roads/roadworks-and-traffic-regulation-orders/permanent.aspx.

Any representations or objections (specifying the grounds on which they are made) relating to the proposal must be made in writing and should be sent to The Director of Governance, Finance & Public Services, Lancashire County Council, P O Box 78, County Hall, Preston PR1 8XJ or by e-mail to tro-consultation@lancashire.gov.uk **quoting ref:LSG4\894.4691\AFR** before the 22 September 2017.

Ian Young, Director of Governance, Finance and Public Services
23 August 2017

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PUBLIC NOTICES

West Lancashire Borough Council
Planning (Listed Buildings & Conservation Areas) Act 1990 Town and Country Planning (Development Management Procedure) (England) Order 2015 - Article 15

APPLICATION(S) FOR PLANNING PERMISSION

Application No: 2017/0758/FUL Upgrading the existing caravan park to include creation of two fishing ponds, enhanced landscaping, relocation and upgrading the bowling green and children's play area, replacement/upgrading of the existing office building to provide leisure facilities, tool shed/workshop and associated works at Shaw Hall Caravan Park, Smithy Lane, Scarisbrick.
This does not (or may not) accord with the development plan.
Application No: 2017/0797/FUL Removal of Condition 5 (occupancy condition) imposed on planning permission 8/86/1118 at 131 Turning Lane, Scarisbrick.
This does not (or may not) accord with the development plan.
Application No: 2017/0819/OUT Outline - Residential development including details of access, layout and scale at Valera Ltd, Plox Brow, Tarleton.

APPLICATION(S) AFFECTING A CONSERVATION AREA / LISTED BUILDING

Application No: 2017/0765/FUL Erection of single car garage to the side of the property at 7 Beech Road, Aughton.
Application No: 2017/0810/FUL Extensions and alterations to existing bungalow to form two storey dwelling, replacement of existing detached garage, and new entrance gates and drive. Amendment to planning permission 2016/1205/FUL at 20 Granville Park, Aughton.
Application No: 2017/0829/LBC Listed Building Consent - Replacement of top and bottom gates; repairs to towpath side gate paddle; replacement of gate paddle fenders; addition of cobbles to one quadrant; re-pointing to lock chamber at Southern Lock At Appley Locks, Leeds Liverpool Canal, Wrightington.
The applications are available for viewing on the Council's website www.westlancs.gov.uk/planning. Alternatively, the application can be viewed during normal office hours at 52 Derby Street, Ormskirk and at 1st Floor, The Concourse, Skelmersdale. If you wish to comment on the proposal you can do so via the Council's web site, by e.mail to plan.apps@westlancs.gov.uk or in writing to Development and Regeneration Services, 52 Derby Street, Ormskirk, but these must be received within 21 days of the date of this notice quoting the application no. Any comments made will be available for public inspection.
Applications for Minor Commercial and Householder Development
In the event that an appeal is made against a decision of the Council to refuse to grant planning permission for the proposed development, and that appeal then proceeds by way of the expedited procedure under the written representations procedure, any representations made to the Council about an application will be passed to the Secretary of State and there will be no opportunity to make further representations.

John R Harrison DipEnvP., MRTPI Director of Development and Regeneration
Dated: 23rd August 2017
PDNOT962

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR PLANNING PERMISSION
Town and Country Planning (Development Management Procedure) (England) Order 2015
NOTICE UNDER ARTICLE 15 PUBLICATION FOR APPLICATIONS FOR PLANNING PERMISSION
PLANNING APPLICATION NO - LCC/2017/0066
PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT - VARIATION OF CONDITION 5 OF PLANNING PERMISSION LCC/20116/0022 TO ALLOW THE STORAGE OF WASTE OUTSIDE OF THE SITE BUILDINGS BY THE PROVISION OF TEN OUTSIDE OPEN MATERIALS STORAGE BAYS AT UNIT 11 SIMONSWOOD INDUSTRIAL PARK, STOPGATE LANE SIMONSWOOD

I give notice that James Patrick Boyd is applying to the Lancashire County Council for the above development.

Members of the public may inspect copies of the application, plans and documents at Lancashire County Council, Development Management Group, County Hall, PO Box 100, Preston, PR1 0LD or at the Planning Department, West Lancashire Borough Council, Council Offices, 52 Derby Street, Ormskirk, during normal office hours until 13 September 2017.The application can also be viewed on the County Council's **website planningregister.lancashire.gov.uk**

Anyone who wishes to make representations about this application should write to the County Council by 13 September 2017 at the above address, via email DevCon@lancashire.gov.uk or via 'Have your Say' on the County Council's website.

Information regarding the decision will be available on the website within 5 working days of the decision. Details on how to speak at the Development Control Committee are also available on the web page

Andy Mullaney, Head of Service for Planning and Environment
On Behalf of Lancashire County Council
Date: 23 August 2017

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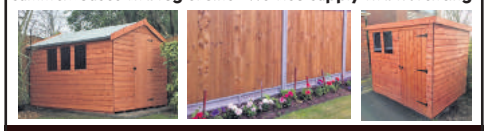

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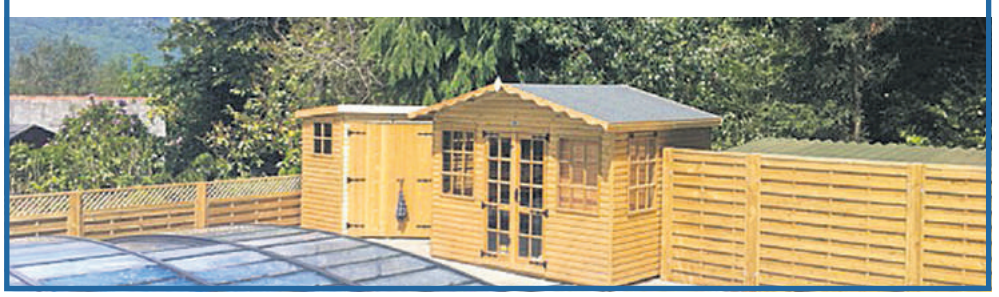

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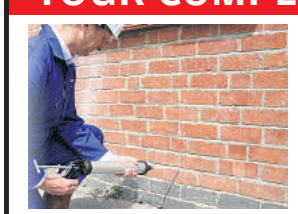

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Since then crime’s increased, prices have gone up and there are mutterings from our friends in the farming fraternity over what they’ll turn to now for support. There have also been heated debates in pubs up and down the land over whether pulling the plug was the right decision, but my mind’s firmly made up.

We definitely need to put the Land Rover Defender back into production.

Since Britain’s best 4x4x exited the stage last March there’s been a weird void when it comes to truly hardcore off-roaders – and no, the Ford Kuga you have parked outside isn’t going to fill it.

For all its terrible handling and lack of shoulder room it had a curious role in keeping rural Britain ticking, and ever since it departed the stage some very unfortunate things have been happening all over the country!

For starters crime really has been going up. With no new Defenders to buy people have simply been nicking the old ones, so much so that NFU Mutual is now reporting that thefts are up 17 per cent over the past year.

The lack of supply also means that people prepared to pay for legitimate examples are having to stump up more for the privelige; a Defender bought brand new by Rowan Atkinson two years ago has just been sold on for a £20,000 profit, and that’s unlikely to be down to simply having a famous name on the logbook.

But worst of all is that in the absence of any brand new ones the Land Rover’s hard-earned reputation is being trashed by the tuning brigade. Every week I’m sent press releases by companies specialising in aftermarket cosmetic kits for Defenders, and they’re all absolutely dreadful.

But people who normally buy Audi TTs and BMW X5s are signing up, turning the poor old Landie into a bit of a glorified tart’s handbag. One of only four or so cars to have made it onto the Sub Zero section of Top Gear’s Cool Wall is now a bit of a fashion victim.

Clearly, the only answer is to put the Defender back into production and restore order.

Forget all those emissions regulations getting in the way. Theresa May needs to instigate a special Defender Reintroduction Bill in the next Queen’s Speech, and make it her top priority once Britain leaves the EU.

In fact, let’s sneak this one in early!

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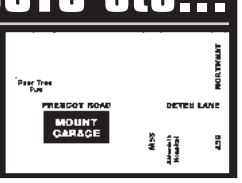

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This week's Champion is inside ...

Investing in Construction Engineering and Logistics

West Lancashire College marks the start of construction for a NEW £2.5 million Construction, Engineering and Logistics Centre.

West Lancashire College were recently joined by key partners to celebrate the beginning of construction work which will transform the land adjacent to Asda, Skelmersdale into a top class Construction, Engineering and Logistics Centre.

Members of the college management team were joined by stakeholders, colleagues and students, who have supported the college in securing the development of the new centre including Joe Docherty, Chief Executive NCG, Tony Rankin, College Board member, Harry Hill, Managing Director of Graylaw Freight Group. Representatives from contractor Kier who are working closely with the college on the development were also present.

The new Centre will provide facilities in which carpenters, bricklayer, electricians, engineers, motor mechanics, plasterers, logistics operatives and plumbers of the future can learn their skills in realistic working environments. It's crucial that the college caters for the needs of the young people and adults of our region, enabling them to gain the vocational skills that employers expect. The new Centre is central to delivering the college's ambition of growth in Apprenticeship provision and will meet local employment priorities.

Commenting on this exciting new facility, Principal, Denise Williamson, says "Our vision is to create a Centre of Excellence in construction, engineering and logistics. We will be offering a range of exciting new training programmes that meet the needs of our Local Area Partnership (LEP) and enhance our current offer including warehousing, business logistics, driving goods vehicles and clean engineering.

We have some world class manufacturers, logistics and engineering companies in the area and our new innovative Centre will specialise in courses to meet industry needs and ensure that students develop the confidence and skills to walk straight into a career in industry.

I am delighted to reach the construction stage of the project and very much look forward to opening the doors to students."

Kier regional director, Phil Oades, said: "We are delighted to be delivering this important project, which will provide outstanding new training facilities for West Lancashire. In a time where the construction industry is suffering from a skills shortage, new facilities like this will support attracting new talent into the industry.

"We have extensive experience in the delivery of projects for educational establishments through the Scape minor works framework, and we look forward to continue working collaboratively with West Lancashire College and the local community for the duration of the project."

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PHASE 1 of our new Construction, Engineering and Logistics Centre (CEL) opens September 2017

West Lancashire College

Phase one of the new CEL Centre is the Engineering and Electrical Gateway which will located on the main campus, this will open in September 2017 and provide opportunities to expand the curriculum with the launch of a new BTEC Extended Diploma in Engineering Level 3 course.

This qualification will give learners the opportunity to develop a range of skills, techniques, and attributes essential for a successful career in engineering.

Learners will also undertake a period of work experience as part of the programme of study. This course will give learners the opportunity to progress to university in the mechanical engineering sector which will enable them to progress to vocational qualifications such as the BTEC Higher Nationals in Mechanical Engineering.

The Advanced Engineering course will provide a pool of skilled workers for West Lancashire businesses, addressing potential skills gaps within the Borough as well as offering the opportunity for businesses to ensure their current staff have the right skills needed for business success.

Learners will be able to take advantage of brand new industry standard equipment including 3D System Cube Printers, CNC Routers, Floor Standing PC controlled CNC Lathe T220i and a CAD suite.

BTEC Extended Diploma in Engineering Level 3 - starts Monday 4 September 2017

For further information on how to apply for this and other training courses and services offered by West Lancashire College, please contact: **01695 52300**
or email: **enquiries@westlancs.ac.uk**

INSIDE THE NEW CONSTRUCTION, ENGINEERING AND LOGISTICS CENTRE

Alongside the Engineering and Electrical Gateway which will specialise in clean Engineering, the new centre will host a range of practical workshops including; Brickwork, Plastering, Carpentry and Joinery, Motor Vehicle, Plumbing, Electrical and Engineering. In addition, the centre will offer specialist logistics training.

COURSES AVAILABLE

West Lancashire College

BRICKLAYING

Construction is the UK's biggest industry, with 2 million people already at work in more than 700 different types of jobs. Once working in the industry there are many opportunities to develop skills and abilities to progress in your career. Our Bricklaying courses can kick start a career in the Construction Industry.

Course Title	Day	Time	Duration	Fee	Location	Start Date	Loan Available
Bricklaying Level 1 (City and Guilds)	Full-Time	Full-Time	1 year	FREE	WLCA	04/09/17	No
Bricklaying Diploma Level 2 (City and Guilds) (L2LE)	Full-Time	Full-Time	1 year	CFD	WLCA	04/09/17	No
Bricklaying Diploma Level 3 (City and Guilds)	Full-Time	Full-Time	1 year	CFD	WLCA	04/09/17	Yes

CARPENTRY AND JOINERY

Carpentry and Joinery qualifications are aimed at people wishing to learn skills to progress on to becoming skilled in their chosen trade, or to progress through an Apprenticeship and work towards becoming a master craftsman. Study full or part time and open up the world of Construction as your future career.

Course Title	Day	Time	Duration	Fee	Location	Start Date	Loan Available
Carpentry and Joinery Level 1 (16-18)	Full-Time	Full-Time	1 year	CFD	WLCA/SC	04/09/17	No
Carpentry and Joinery Diploma Level 2 (City and Guilds) (L2LE)	Full-Time	Full-Time	1 year	CFD	WLCA/SC	04/09/17	No
Site Carpentry and Joinery Diploma Level 2 (L2LE)	Tue and Wed	5.30pm-9pm	34 weeks	£1287	WLCA/SC	12/09/17	No

ELECTRICAL INSTALLATION

There are currently 16,157 Electricians and Electrical Fitters employed in the region and this is expected to increase by 2% over the next 4 years meaning there are great employment prospects. If you are good with practical work, can follow technical plans and want a varied job, this could be a great career for you.

Course Title	Day	Time	Duration	Fee	Location	Start Date	Loan Available
Electrical Installations Diploma (Buildings and Structures) Level 2 (City and Guilds) (L2LE)	Full-Time	Full-Time	1 year	CFD	WLCA/SC	04/09/17	No
Electrical Installations Diploma (Buildings and Structures) Level 2 (City and Guilds) (L2LE)	Tue and Wed	6pm-9pm	34 weeks	£1287	WLCA/SC	12/09/17	No
Electrical Installations Diploma (Buildings and Structures) Level 3 (City and Guilds)	Tue and Wed	6pm-9pm	34 weeks	£3345	WLCA/SC	12/09/17	Yes*

ENGINEERING

Our Engineering courses are ideal for those who wish to improve or learn engineering skills for industry. The courses provide students with the training required in a range of engineering disciplines for employment or progression to University.

Course Title	Day	Time	Duration	Fee	Location	Start Date	Loan Available
Performing Engineering Operations Diploma Level 2 NVQ (EMTA)	Full-Time	Full-Time	1 year	CFD	WLCA/SC	04/09/17	No
Engineering Technology Level 3 (EAL)	Full-Time	Full-Time	1 year	CFD	WLCA/SC	04/09/17	Yes
Engineering Extended Diploma Level 3 (BTEC)	Full-Time	Full-Time	2 years	CFD	WLCA/SC	04/09/17	Yes

MOTOR VEHICLE ENGINEERING

These courses develop your skills as a Motor Vehicle Technician and you will learn how to repair and service cars, study vehicle mechanics and electrics, and find out about engines and exhaust systems plus air-conditioning and security.

Course Title	Day	Time	Duration	Fee	Location	Start Date	Loan Available
Transport Maintenance Diploma Level 1 IMI	Full-Time	Full-Time	1 year	CFD	WLCA	04/09/17	No
Light Vehicle Maintenance and Repair Principles Diploma Level 2 IMI NOT	Full-Time	Full-Time	1 year	CFD	WLCA	04/09/17	No

Jonathon Taylor

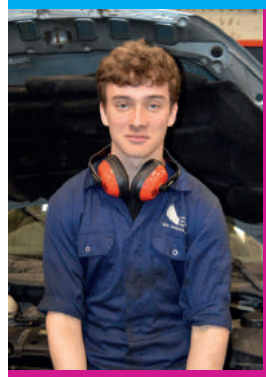
School attended:
Ormskirk High School

Course studying:
Plumbing Studies Level 2

What do you like about the course and college?
I think the course is great, each day is never the same. The tutors are brilliant and the facilities are also fantastic! We get to work on practical activities, I am currently working on fitting a Radiator, all great skills for future employment.

Why would you recommend your course to others?
The training we receive is to a very high standard. I have become more aware of the responsibility of becoming a plumber, the equipment and standard of work required in the job means we have to be extremely aware of health and safety and ensure work is completed to a high standard.

What do you want to do in the future using your course?
Once I have completed my Level 3 I would like to qualify as a Plumber and become a Gas Safe Fitter. Eventually, I would like to one day run my own business.



Matthew Willis

School attended:
Deyes High School

Course studying:
Motor Vehicle Engineering

What do you like about the course and college?
On the course I gain hands on experience in the Motor Vehicle workshops. Problem solving, working on real cars is fantastic. Wearing my West Lancashire College overalls makes me feel so proud of what I have achieved thus far.

Why would you recommend your course to others?
It's a brilliant course, it is hard work but manageable. We have fantastic practical facilities that all of the class can use and we have all equipment provided. We have assessments not exams which helps me as I do struggle with exams.

What do you want to do in the future using your course?
On completion of my course, my aim is to gain an Apprenticeship to become a Mechanical Engineer.

COURSES AVAILABLE

West Lancashire College

PLASTERING

Plastering qualifications are aimed at people wishing to learn skills to progress on to becoming skilled in their chosen trade, or to progress through an Apprenticeship and work towards becoming a master craftsman. Study full or part-time and open up the world of Construction as your future career.

Course Title	Day	Time	Duration	Fee	Location	Start Date	Loan Available
Plastering Diploma Level 1 (City and Guilds)	Full-Time	Full-Time	1 year	CFD	WLCA/SC	04/09/17	No
Plastering Diploma Level 2 (L2LE)	Tue and Wed	Full-Time	1 year	CFD	WLCA	04/09/17	No

PLUMBING

A career in plumbing offers you a varied job that makes good use of your practical skills. We have plumbing courses available on a full or part time basis as well as industry specific courses for those already employed as a plumber.

Course Title	Day	Time	Duration	Fee	Location	Start Date	Loan Available
Construction Level 1 (Pathway) 16-18	Full-Time	Full-Time	1 year	F	WLCA/SC	04/09/17	No
Plumbing Level 2 City and Guilds (L2LE)	Full-Time	Full-Time	1 year	CFD	WLCA/SC	04/09/17	No
Plumbing Level 3 City and Guilds	Full-Time	Full-Time	1 year	CFD	WLCA/SC	04/09/17	Yes*
Plumbing Diploma Level 2 (L2LE)	Tue and Wed	6pm-9pm	34 weeks	£1287	WLCA/SC	12/09/17	No

Yes* 19-23 year olds may be eligible for a fee discount of up to 100%.
Yes* or **Yes** – You may be able to apply for an Advanced Learner Loans for these courses. They are not means tested or subject to credit checks and anybody who meets the criteria will be able to apply for a loan regardless of their current employment status. You won't have to pay anything back until you finish your course and are earning more than £21,000 per year.

ENROLMENT

SCHOOL LEAVER ENROLMENT

Thursday 24 August 9am-7pm
Friday 25 August 10am-3pm

Please bring your GCSE results.

GENERAL ENROLMENT

Full time, part time day or night school courses:

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If you are fee-paying student, you must bring enough money or method of payment to meet your first instalment. If you're signing up for a direct debit, make sure you've got your bank details with you.

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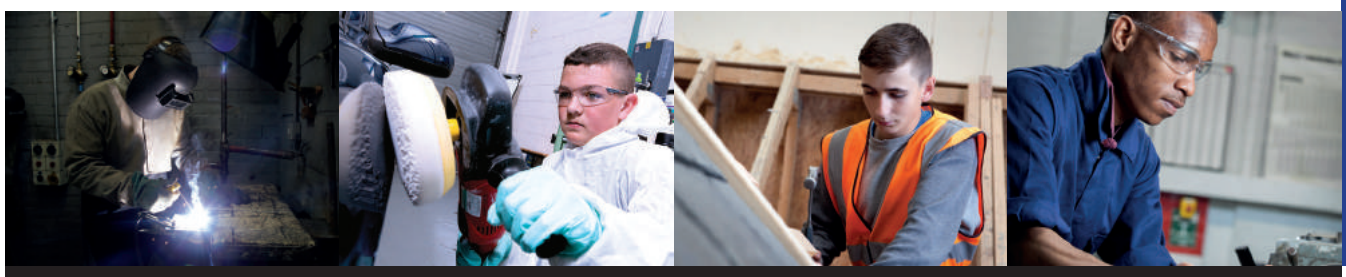

TRAIN AS AN APPRENTICE AT THE NEW CEL CENTRE

Being an Apprentice gives you the opportunity to gain a nationally recognised qualification while gaining skills with an employer. Apprenticeships are growing and many more young people and employers are recognising them as a great way to start a career.

As a CEL Centre Apprentice you will:

- learn on the job, building up knowledge and skills and earning money at the same time.
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- be trained in the work place by a company mentor
- be visited regularly in the workplace by one of our experienced trainers and assessors.
- attend college one day per week
- improve your maths and English Skills.

We offer a range Apprenticeships including:

- Bricklaying Level 3
- Carpentry and Joinery Level 3
- Driving Goods Vehicles Level 2
- Electrical Installation Level 3
- Engineering Level 2 and 3
- Motor Vehicle Level 2 and 3
- Plastering Level 2 and 3
- Plumbing
- Trowel Occupations Level 3
- Warehousing/Manufacturing Level 2

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Apprenticeships

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There are many ways local and regional employers can get involved with the new Construction, Engineering and Logistics Centres:

- ☑ Apprenticeships
- ☑ Employer Steering Group
- ☑ Employer Network Events
- ☑ Offering Student Work Experience
- ☑ Offering Industry Visits
- ☑ Becoming a Guest Speaker
- ☑ Offering Student Mentoring
- ☑ Sponsorship of facilities within the new Centre

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